

**Presented to  
Linda Iversen  
Aviation Advisory Board**

- WHEREAS,** congratulations and our deepest expression of gratitude are in order for Ms. Linda Iversen, member of the City of Fort Lauderdale Aviation Advisory Board; and
- WHEREAS,** Linda took action and requested Federal Aviation Administration officials consider re-evaluating their decision that required the City of Fort Lauderdale to fund a second air traffic controller from midnight to 6:00am due to issues occurring at other airports around the country; and
- WHEREAS,** the City pays the Federal Aviation Administration to staff and keep the air traffic control tower at Executive Airport open during the midnight shift instead of closing due to the low amount of air traffic; and
- WHEREAS,** this effort is an integral part of the Airport's Noise Abatement program and the City of Fort Lauderdale's efforts to minimize airplane noise in the neighborhoods surrounding Executive Airport; and
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Aviation Administration mandated that a second Air Traffic Controller must be on duty in all Air Traffic Control Towers in operation overnight; and
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Aviation Administration further mandated that the additional costs associated with the second controller be borne by the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, placing an undue burden on the Airport's resources; and
- WHEREAS,** while attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Air Traffic Control Tower, Ms. Iversen took it upon herself to discuss the matter with a senior Federal Aviation Administration official also in attendance; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Iversen impressed upon this official the importance of the program to the citizens of the City of Fort Lauderdale and the jeopardy that would be placed upon it's continuance due to the large increase in the cost associated with a second controller; and
- WHEREAS,** due to Ms. Iversen's well-articulated arguments, the Federal Aviation Administration has now agreed to fund the costs associated with the second controller and provided a five year agreement which ensures the continuance of the much-needed 24-Hour Air Traffic Control Tower program for the foreseeable future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby issue this **COMMENDATION** to:

**LINDA IVERSEN**

DATED this, 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.

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John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Mayor

