

**Presented to  
Dorothy Singleton  
100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

- WHEREAS,** Mrs. Dorothy Singleton, the eldest of 11 siblings, was born on September 4, 1912 in Newton, GA to the late Lester and Hattie Mae Williams; and
- WHEREAS,** Dorothy's father, Lester "Papa" Williams was a sharecropper in Newton, GA. In 1918, Lester "Papa" moved to West Virginia where he found work in a steel mill. He returned to Newton in 1922 when Dorothy was 10 years old; and
- WHEREAS,** Dorothy fondly remembers her childhood in Newton where she picked pecans from the row of pecan trees in front of her home, cared for the hogs, chickens and cows, and where she baked sweet potatoes in the fireplace; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1934, Dorothy married Hossie Singleton. After visiting relatives in Fort Lauderdale they decided to move to the city and Fort Lauderdale has been their home since 1942. They initially lived in the "green apartments" on NW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street but in 1954, Hossie purchased a lot at 425 NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and built a home where the family lives to this day; and
- WHEREAS,** Dorothy recalls the days when NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Sistrunk Boulevard) was a thriving thoroughfare in the Black community. Some of the landmarks she recollects are: the Provident Hospital, Badcock Furniture Store, Moss' Fish Market, Dillard's Shoe Store, Hargrove Record Store, Hankerson's Bait and Tackle Store, and the Victory Theatre; and
- WHEREAS,** Dorothy joined the Piney Grove First Baptist Church in 1942 and has served her church ever since. She has been a member of the Adult Usher Board for 69 years and held the office of Secretary of the Sunshine Club from 1966-1969; and
- WHEREAS,** Dorothy is proud and delighted that she was able to see, in her lifetime, America's first African-American president, President Barack Obama. She was overjoyed to vote for President Obama in 2008 and will be voting to re-elect our president for a second term on November 6, 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** the City Commission congratulates Dorothy on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday and do offer her our best wishes for her continued good health, happiness and an overflowing abundance of love and joy!

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2012 as:

**Dorothy Singleton Day**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**DATED this,** the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012.

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**John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Mayor**

