

**In Recognition of
Women's History Month
March 2013**

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of Fort Lauderdale and the United States in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the history of this Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force and in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history: and

WHEREAS, the theme of Women's History Month in March 2013 is "Women Inspiring Innovations Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics," and this month presents special opportunities to recognize those advocates who work tirelessly for the betterment of women and girls in Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **March 2013** as:

Women's History Month

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and call upon all residents to take part in the special ceremonies and activities that honor the history, accomplishments, and contributions of women in our community.

DATED this, the 5th day of March 2013.

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

