

**In Recognition of  
Children's Day  
April 23, 2015**

**WHEREAS,** in 1921, soon after the Turkish legislature was formed, the founder and first president of Turkey, Ataturk, proclaimed April 23<sup>rd</sup> as Children's Day – declaring that power rests with the people and the future belongs to the children; and

**WHEREAS,** every year since 1921, the children in Turkey celebrate this "**Children's Day**" as a national holiday with various festivities and programs; and

**WHEREAS,** inspired by the Turkish holiday, UNESCO declared April 23, 1979, as the International Year of the Child and UNICEF decided to recognize this important day as the International Children's Day – a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children; and

**WHEREAS,** observing April 23 as Children's Day will promote the welfare of the children not only in the City of Fort Lauderdale but also of the world as a day of activity devoted just for them; and

**WHEREAS,** Americans of Turkish descent in the City of Fort Lauderdale have played a significant role in the educational, cultural, economic and civic development of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** we recognize the many individuals of Turkish descent who have chosen our community as their home and who share their rich heritage with us.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **April 23, 2015 as:**

**CHILDREN'S DAY**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do encourage our citizens to join the Turks and Turkish Americans as they celebrate Children's Day.

**DATED this,** the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE



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