

**In Recognition of  
GIS Day 2012  
Discovering the World through GIS**

**WHEREAS,** Geographic Information System (GIS) technologies are a powerful tool for supporting community engagement, emergency services, economic development, environmental protection, crime mapping, long-range planning, and much more; and

**WHEREAS,** the management, use, and exchange of geographic information is essential for effective decision making; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division provides geospatial services to the City's staff, its neighbors, its businesses, and visitors. The division creates and maintains data, maps, and applications to provide information in a useable format. Additionally, the GIS Division creates tools to leverage information from other systems such as utility billing, and maintains the data that supports the city's 911 dispatch system; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education, and technical training among various groups to appropriately and effectively utilize this rapidly developing technology; and

**WHEREAS,** having a day of GIS activities open to neighbors, students and government leaders will help achieve greater awareness of the benefits of GIS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **Wednesday, November 14, 2012**, as:

**GIS Day 2012**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do thank and recognize our employees for the outstanding service they provide.

**DATED this,** the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012

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

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