

**In Recognition of
National Women’s History Month**

- WHEREAS,** women have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the state of Florida, Broward County, and the city of Fort Lauderdale 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 life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside the home; and
- WHEREAS,** women have played a unique role throughout the history of the nation by providing the majority of our volunteer labor force and were particularly important 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 movement to improve society; 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 industrial labor movement, the Civil Rights movement, the environmental justice movement, and other social justice campaigns, especially the peace movement, creating a more fair and just society for all; and
- WHEREAS,** despite these contributions, the role of women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in literature and in the teaching and study of history; and
- WHEREAS,** in recognition of the contributions of women, Congress has passed a resolution each year since 1987 designating the month of March as " National Women's History Month;" and
- WHEREAS,** the theme of Women's History Month in 2015 is “*Weaving the Stories of Women’s Lives*” and the month of March presents special opportunities to celebrate the wisdom and tenacity of generations of women who have come before us and those who will follow, and to acknowledge the courage, determination, and steadfastness needed to move history forward. 2015 is also the 35th anniversary of the Women’s History Movement and the National Women’s History Project.

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

National Women's History Month

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and encourage our residents to observe this event by participating in programs, ceremonies, and activities to foster an awareness of and appreciation for the contributions made by women which have benefited and improved society.

DATED this, the 3rd day of March 2015.

Mayor John P. “Jack” Seiler

