

**In Appreciation of
Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service**

- WHEREAS,** service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and
- WHEREAS,** the nation’s mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs; and
- WHEREAS,** national service participants address the most pressing challenges facing our cities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS,** national service participants serve in more than 60,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by recruiting and managing millions of additional volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and
- WHEREAS,** April 6 through April 13, 2014 is recognized as National Volunteer Week; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale is declaring April 26, 2014 as Fort Lauderdale Cares Day; and
- WHEREAS,** the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service, and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 1, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2014 as:

Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

DATED this, the 1st day of April 2014.

Mayor John P. “Jack” Seiler

