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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE BROWARD CITIES LITERACY PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL BY DECLARING THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE A BROWARD READS CITY, AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE AS THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S LIAISON TO THE BROWARD READS CAMPAIGN.

WHEREAS, the Broward Reads campaign is a collaborative initiative among community stakeholders, including the School Board of Broward County, Broward County, the Children's Services Council of Broward County, and the United Way of Broward County, among other community partners; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Reads campaign focuses on four critical areas, including school readiness, chronic absenteeism, family engagement, and preventing the summer learning loss, to ensure Broward's children are reading at grade level; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Reads campaign is partnering with cities within the county to demonstrate a collaborative approach to making grade level reading a priority within their community and throughout all of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, a Broward Reads City identifies key community stakeholders that can work together to make significant improvements in early literacy; and

WHEREAS, a Broward Reads City commits leading public officials to support the Broward Reads Campaign; and

WHEREAS, a Broward Reads City commits to designating a city liaison to attending the Broward Reads Campaign for Grade Level Reading's bi-monthly meetings; and

WHEREAS, ensuring children are able to read at grade level is the moral responsibility of everyone in the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. That the City of Fort Lauderdale is a Broward Reads City committed to the goal of ensuring grade level literacy for all of its children.

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<u>SECTION 2</u>. That the City Manager or the City Manager's designee is designated as the City of Fort Lauderdale's liaison to the Broward Reads Campaign.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of March, 2017.

Mayor

JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk JEFFREY A. MODARELLI