

# Proclamation

## In Recognition of Dr. Ciara L. Bostick

- WHEREAS,** local motivational speaker, author, and young scholar Dr. Ciara L. Bostick, famously known in the community as "Dr. Ciara" has debuted her new pre-teen survival guide on February 13, 2016 "Welcome To Womanhood: A Pre-Teen Survival Guide;" and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Ciara has dedicated her life's work to helping young girls. In 2009, as the CEO and Founder, she established a nonprofit organization, God's Gift, Inc., whose mission is providing a healthy environment for girls ages 7-17, by offering life skills training, peer to peer mentoring, etiquette classes, self-esteem workshops, leadership training, character building, weekend retreats, career development, college preparation, and most importantly helping girls to recognize their self-worth; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Ciara has devoted her time to serving the community nationwide. To date, one of her greatest community service projects was a weeklong visit to New Orleans. There she spent her first college spring break in New Orleans after the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. She worked alongside the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity. For this, Dr. Ciara was honored with the President's Award by Former President George W. Bush for her humanitarian efforts. Dr. Ciara is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, a Board Member of Debbie's Dream Stomach Cancer Foundation, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Education Advisory Board, Emerge Broward, Alpha Phi Omega Co-Ed Community Service Fraternity, and Big Brothers Big Sisters; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Ciara attended Lauderdale Manors Elementary School and is a proud Panther who graduated from Dillard High School in 2005 and currently holds a Bachelor's Degree from Florida Atlantic University, a Master's Degree in Leadership, and a Doctorate Degree from Nova Southeastern University, which she received at the age of 26. She has also been nominated for several awards including the African American Achievers Award, which was presented by J.M. Lexus, as well as honored by Disney for her outstanding community service efforts. In 2011, she was a nominee for South Florida's "Power 30 under 30" Award; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Ciara, over the course of her professional career, has received numerous awards and has been recognized by Governor Rick Scott and President Obama. Dr. Ciara created the #doyouGLOW campaign, which is a campaign for young ladies that promotes living their purpose, fulfilling God's destiny, and shining bright through good deeds; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor, City Commissioners, the Education Advisory Board, and citizens of Fort Lauderdale are pleased to recognize, honor and express their pride and appreciation to Dr. Ciara Bostick for her professional achievements, volunteerism, and commitment to our children and entire community.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **March 15, 2016** as:

### **Dr. Ciara Bostick Day**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

**Dated this,** the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.



  
Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

