

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
The Republic of China (Taiwan) Day
October 10, 2016**

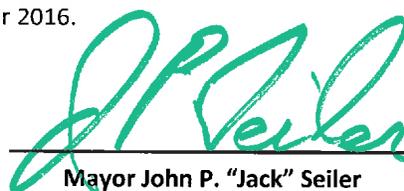
- WHEREAS,** The Republic of China on Taiwan observes the 105th National Day on October 10th, 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** since the establishment of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami in 1988 and the consequent establishment of the sister-state relations between the Province of Taiwan of the Republic of China and the State of Florida of the United States of America in 1992, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami has spared no efforts in the promotion of bilateral economic and cultural relations; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States and Taiwan have maintained and enhanced close friendship over the decades encompassing commercial, cultural, and other interactions based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8 96th Congress); and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan is a close ally to the United States in East Asia, and her commitment to regional peace and security has ensured stability, development and prosperity; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan has distinguished herself as a global leader with dynamic progress towards political democratization, economic liberalization, as well as the preservation of Chinese culture, promotion of education, humanitarian aid, healthcare, environmental protections, technological innovation, and the advancement of basic human rights of life, liberty, and security of a person; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan has contributed greatly to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in that it is a leading high technology developer and product exporter, further facilitated by joining the expansion of the ITA (Information Technology Agreement) product coverage (ITA 2) which will contribute even more to free trade of the world; and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum for which Taiwan was instrumental in the establishment of the APEC Digital Opportunity Center ("ADOC") with the significant contribution to reduce the digital divides in the region; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan's meaningful participation in numerous international organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly for which aviation safety in East Asia is in the best interests of both regional and world economic and civil activities; the World Health Assembly (WHA) since Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including having one of the best and inexpensive healthcare systems in Asia; and is bidding attendance in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) as they would further expand its scope of global contributions; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan seeks to join international organizations and forums, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP); and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan became the 9th largest trading partner of the United States in 2015. Being the 8th largest export destination of United States' agricultural goods in 2015, Taiwan is also a significant trading partner of the State of Florida; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan aspires to further contribute to international development and to promote peace and prosperity. We cherish our traditional cordial relations with Taiwan and hope to solidify them further.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **October 10, 2016** as the:

Republic of China (Taiwan) Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale .

DATED this, the 9th day of September 2016.


Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

