

*Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale*

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
Arbor Day**

- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is symbolic of the early conservation movement and has been observed in the United States in various ways for over 140 years; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are responsible for creating a more sustainable environment by producing oxygen, reducing stormwater, cooling urban areas, and
- WHEREAS,** trees provide critical habitat for local and migrating wildlife and the City is in process of becoming a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat; and
- WHEREAS,** enhancement of the beauty of the city's landscape by the planting of trees furnishes not only an economic value but a human value that is beneficial to all; and
- WHEREAS,** for efforts in 2015, the City of Fort Lauderdale has been recognized as TREE CITY, USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for its 37th year due to its longstanding active urban forestry program; and
- WHEREAS,** in its Strategic Plan, the City has identified "Cultivate our urban forest" as one of its strategic objectives; and
- WHEREAS,** the City has made significant progress towards its Strategic Plan goal of 23.6% tree canopy citywide by increasing from 20.6% in 2013 to 22.3% presently; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Fort Lauderdale does concur with the Governor of the State of Florida that Arbor Day should be commemorated by the planting of trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim the day of **April 30, 2016** as:

ARBOR DAY

In the city of Fort Lauderdale which will be observed on this day with a celebration of trees and wildlife at Snyder Park, including tree planting.

DATED this, the 19th day of April 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

