

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
101st Anniversary of the
Armenian Genocide
April 24, 2016**

- WHEREAS,** in 1975, the United States Senate and House of Representatives resolved to designate April 24 as National Day of Remembrance of Man's Inhumanity to Man; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Turkish government began conducting a mass extermination of one and one-half million Armenians; and
- WHEREAS,** this sacrifice of the Armenian people in the cause of religious freedom, justice, and human rights serves to remind all mankind that similar events perpetuating man's inhumanity to man need to be avoided; and
- WHEREAS,** Armenian Americans contribute richly to Florida's social mosaic and people of Armenian descent have been loyal, productive, and patriotic citizens of the United States and the State of Florida; and
- WHEREAS,** the memory of these 1,500,000 martyrs is traditionally observed on April 24th by all Armenians in the United States and throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS,** one hundred years after the Armenian Genocide, Secretary of State John Kerry rightfully condemned the Islamic State's persecution of Christians, Yezidis, and other religious minorities, including Armenians, in Iraq and Syria as genocide.

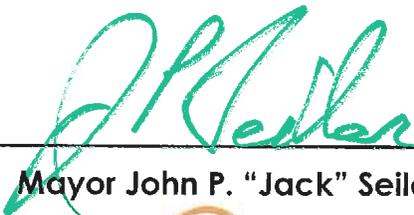
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **April 24, 2016** as:

101st ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE DAY

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and call upon its citizens to join all Armenians worldwide to observe the 101st commemoration of Armenian Martyrs' Day in the hope that these days of infamy will never be forgotten.

DATED this, the 19th day of April 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

