

Proclamation

In Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month

- WHEREAS,** For more than 20 years, the nonprofit Broward Housing Solutions® has provided quality, permanent and affordable housing specifically for people with mental illness across Broward County; and
- WHEREAS,** Broward Housing Solutions® provides homes to 339 residents at 19 owned and operated properties and landlord partner complexes across Broward County, including 77 residents and their families in the city of Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** The organization owns and operates 9 properties in Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** Broward Housing Solutions® offers housing to all age groups, including programs for young people aging out of foster care, adults, families, veterans and seniors citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Eighty-three percent of Broward Housing Solutions®' residents are formerly homeless; and
- WHEREAS,** Stable housing results in stable mental health, preventing incarcerations and hospitalizations, thereby saving our community \$1.2 million each year; and
- WHEREAS,** In partnership with mental health service providers, Broward Housing Solutions®, ensures the stability, recovery, and reintegration of the residents it serves; and
- WHEREAS,** Broward Housing Solutions® enables people with mental illness to live independently with dignity and hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **May 17, 2016** as:

Broward Housing Solutions® Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale in celebration of National Mental Health Awareness Month,

DATED this, the 17th day of May 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

