

# Proclamation

**Presented to Courtney C. Crush  
2016 Downtowner of the Year**

- WHEREAS,** The Downtowner of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, vision, and community involvement in the City of Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** The Downtown Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce is honored to present the 2016 Downtowner of the Year Award to Courtney C. Crush in recognition of her significant contributions to the progress and advancement of our City; and
- WHEREAS,** Courtney Crush was born in Alexandria, Virginia. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida; and
- WHEREAS,** As Founder and Principal of Crush Law P.A., Courtney Crush is one of South Florida's leading land use attorneys. She has been instrumental in shaping the landscape of Fort Lauderdale by providing outstanding legal representation and gaining development approvals for an array of thoughtfully designed projects including Las Olas River House, Village Place apartments, the Camden Las Olas mixed use development; the Venezia condominiums and numerous others, all of which have strengthened our downtown, enriched our urban fabric, and enhanced our sense of place; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2014, Courtney Crush served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, where she worked with a diverse group of business leaders spearheading initiatives aimed at fostering economic development; enhancing business retention and expansion; promoting opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses; strengthening relationships between businesses and local governments; cultivating international business development; and facilitating business partnerships with our local schools; and
- WHEREAS,** As past Chair of the Riverwalk Trust and a current board member, Courtney Crush continues to collaborate with dedicated neighbors, civic, and community leaders to develop long-range strategies to activate and enhance the Riverwalk through initiatives such as the Riverwalk Ambassadors program; Riverwalk Water Trolley; Gourmet Delights food kiosks; Riverwalk Recreation; bicycle and Segway tours; rentals of kayaks, paddleboards, and Ecoboats; installing outdoor fitness equipment; offering waterside dining; welcoming street artists and performers; and hosting a variety of special events throughout the year, all of which stimulate community engagement, strengthen the vitality of downtown Fort Lauderdale, and enhance the Riverwalk's reputation as an inviting arts, entertainment, and cultural destination; and
- WHEREAS,** Courtney Crush has generously donated her time, talent, and energy to numerous organizations including Habitat for Humanity, the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, and Archways Behavioral Health Center. She is the recipient of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Past Chair's Award recognizing her as the 2009 Outstanding Volunteer. She received the Chamber's 2011 Women's Circle of Excellence Award and, in 2008-2009, was named Fort Lauderdale's Citizen of the Year; and
- WHEREAS,** Courtney Crush's exemplary leadership, professional contributions, civic engagement, and earnest commitment to building community have helped transform downtown Fort Lauderdale into a vibrant, active, 24-hour City; a leading business center; a "must see" destination for domestic and international visitors; and, above all, an outstanding place to live, work, play, visit, and raise a family.

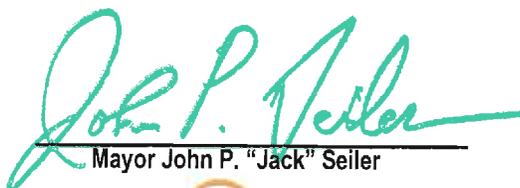
**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **April 7th, 2016** as:

**COURTNEY C. CRUSH DAY**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and encourage all citizens to join with us in congratulating Courtney Crush for her tireless dedication, commitment, and service to the City of Fort Lauderdale and our downtown community.

DATED this, the 7th day of April 2016.



  
Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

