Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

In Recognition of
Fort Lauderdale as a Community Wildlife Habitat

WHEREAS, on April 15th, 2014 the City registered to pursue National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat status; and

WHEREAS, becoming a certified Community Wildlife Habitat supports wildlife by providing habitats throughout the city including at residences, businesses, schools, parks, community gardens, and more with the four basic elements that all wildlife need: food, water, cover and places to raise their young; and

WHEREAS, the City has met the Community Wildlife Habitat program goals set forth by the National Wildlife Federation with more than 500 points, and

WHEREAS, the City has met a Press Play Strategic Plan Initiative: Goal 5: Be a Community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods; Objective 2: Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods; Strategic Initiative: Become a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the City has met the five year target under the Key Performance Indicators with 400 certified neighborhood wildlife habitats; and

WHEREAS, Fort Lauderdale ranks number one in total program points earned (registration, education, community projects, and project administration) of all National Wildlife Federation certified Community Wildlife Habitats within the population range of 100,001 - 300,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has committed to complete annual post-certification points to maintain said Community Wildlife Habitat status; and

WHEREAS, we will celebrate these accomplishments on April 30th at Snyder Park alongside an Arbor Day tree planting and in support of Fort Lauderdale Cares Day 2016, by:

- planting native and Florida-friendly butterfly plants in the demonstration butterfly garden
- planting a gumbo limbo tree in honor of Arbor Day
- release of butterflies and ladybugs into the garden
- installing screech owl boxes made by local Girl Scouts, and
- hosting a celebration luncheon for those neighbors who contributed to our Community Wildlife Habitat status

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **April 19, 2016** as:

Fort Lauderdale Community Wildlife Habitat Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 19th day of April, 2016.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
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Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

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