Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

In Recognition of
Guardian ad Litem Program Day

WHEREAS, the Guardian ad Litem Program is a partnership of community advocates and professional staff providing a powerful voice on behalf of Florida's abused and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, many children in Florida are living in substitute care away from their families and need to have an independent advocate working on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, over 7,600 volunteers work tirelessly to provide that independent advocacy on behalf of dependent children around the state; and

WHEREAS, over 5,500 children are still awaiting the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem; and

WHEREAS, many partners have committed to raising awareness of the Program through a variety of methods that highlight the importance of the Program and the need for volunteers; and

WHEREAS, January 20, 2016 is Guardian ad Litem Day in the City of Fort Lauderdale to give a voice to abused and neglected children navigating a child welfare system that can be lonely and confusing and honoring the guardians ad litem working to ensure children do not get lost in the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **January 20, 2016** as:

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM DAY

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do encourage our neighbors to support the Guardian ad Litem program.

Dated this, the 20th day of January, 2016.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

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FLORIDA GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

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