

*Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale*

Proclamation

**Presented to
Prides of the Southeast
2016 Conference**

- WHEREAS,** from April 14 through April 17, the Prides of the Southeast will host its 2016 conference at the Embassy Suites Fort Lauderdale hotel; and
- WHEREAS,** the conference will attract LGBTQ Pride organizers from 12 southeastern states; and
- WHEREAS,** the conference represents an opportunity for delegates and member organizations to network and learn about ways to improve their pride festivals and events; and
- WHEREAS,** the conference is supported by InterPride, the largest association for organizers of pride events worldwide representing more than 170 pride organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fort Lauderdale area is proud to welcome the conference because it is home to a large and dynamic LGBTQ community, boasting hundreds of LGBTQ-owned businesses, one of the country's largest Metropolitan Community Church congregations, the Stonewall National Museum and Archives, the World AIDS Museum, and according to U.S. Census data, the highest concentration of same-sex couple households in the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** greater Fort Lauderdale is a leader in the LGBTQ tourism industry, having attracted some 1.3 million LGBTQ visitors last year who spent \$1.5 billion in the community.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim today, **April 14, 2016,** as:

Prides of the Southeast Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 5th day of April 2016.





Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

