

Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

In Recognition of
San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic
April 11-15, 2016

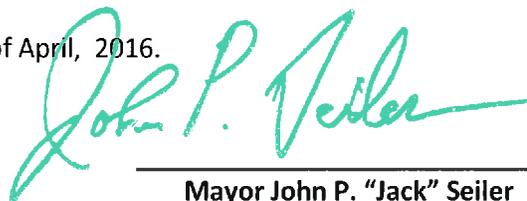
- Whereas,** The City of Fort Lauderdale is recognized as a leader in pioneering climate adaptation communication, collaboration, planning and implementation; and
- Whereas,** Previous international exchanges with Durban, South Africa, Legazpi, Philippines, Gold Coast, Australia, and Cap Haitien and Limonade, Haiti, were successful and continue to provide mutual benefit to all cities; and
- Whereas,** The Urban Land Use and Climate Change Adaptation Planning Program (Program) is funded by the United States Agency of International Development (USAID) and implemented by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA); and
- Whereas,** The purpose of the Program is to provide technical assistance on the integration of climate change considerations within their municipal planning processes of four Cities in the Dominican Republic as identified by the ICMA; and
- Whereas,** The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) selected the City of Fort Lauderdale to participate in a technical exchange on land use planning and climate change with the City of San Pedro de Macorís; and
- Whereas,** Fort Lauderdale can offer assistance in hazards planning, vulnerability assessment, and public engagement to building coalitions and developing infrastructure master plans to address rising seas; and
- Whereas,** The City of San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic regularly faces the challenges of natural disasters such as flooding, earthquakes, and hurricanes, challenges from establishing and enforcing land use planning ordinances in addition to the new challenge of climate change; and
- Whereas,** This exchange serves to help both cities learn about new and novel approaches to address the issues facing our communities; and
- Whereas,** City of Fort Lauderdale staff travelled to the Dominican Republic in November 2015 to assess land use and climate change issues and to learn about the efforts to address land use planning and climate change; and
- Whereas,** A team of seven representatives from San Pedro de Macorís led by Mayor Ramón Antonio Echavarría will travel to Fort Lauderdale to learn about Fort Lauderdale's progress in addressing land use planning and climate adaptation.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 11-15, 2016** as:

**The City of San Pedro de Macorís
Land Use Planning and Climate Change Week**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale in recognition of exchanging information on these two issues of critical importance to cities around the world.

Dated this, the 5th day of April, 2016.



Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

