

Office of the Mayor  
City of Fort Lauderdale

# Proclamation

## In Recognition of Schemel Family Foundation

- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale is grateful to the Schemel Family Foundation for many years of exemplary advocacy, deep respect and appreciation for **"family"**, and an unwavering commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. The Foundation's extraordinary example serves to inspire a new generation of philanthropists who **imagine** a brighter tomorrow; and
- WHEREAS,** Schemel Family Foundation's passion for giving back to our community is reflected in gifts of time, treasure, and talent made to Kids In Distress, Inc. (KID, Inc.), Nova Southeastern University, and Leo Catholic High School, among others, further demonstrating the Foundation's understanding that to **invest** in education is the most effective and lasting means of lifting up an individual or a group of individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** Robert "Bob" Schemel, served as CEO of American Eldercare, built and successfully led the South Florida firm providing long-term care for seniors in their homes, assisted living facilities, and other settings. Mr. Schemel believes in creating choices for people that build upon the growing trend of keeping seniors out of skilled nursing centers if they are able to live at home – a move that saved Floridians money while seeking to **improve** the quality of life for thousands of seniors; and
- WHEREAS,** Robert devotes his "serial entrepreneur approach" to solving problems and helping people at the same time. His professional focus was on the later stages of life. His current emphasis is on early childhood education and development at KID, Inc. where he serves as Chair of the Board of Directors; and
- WHEREAS,** KID, Inc. is celebrating its tenth annual Duck Fest Derby in downtown Fort Lauderdale with its mascot, *Splash*, who shares a birthday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (today), in common with Robert and his wife, Meredith; and
- WHEREAS,** Robert and Meredith Schemel, are dedicated to raising their own loving, close-knit **family**, and enriching the South Florida community through their contributions and support of a myriad of non-profit, charitable, and philanthropic organizations and causes; and
- WHEREAS,** Schemel Family Foundation's generosity is exceeded only by their humility. Robert and his family believe in "sharing because they are blessed," but more importantly, they believe "they are blessed because they share"; and
- WHEREAS,** Schemel Family Foundation's mission and vision incorporates the progress and advancement of the citizens of Fort Lauderdale simply because "it is the right thing to do."

**NOW THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **April 9, 2016** as:

### **SCHEMEL FAMILY FOUNDATION DAY**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do acknowledge Schemel Family Foundation for their dedication and commitment to the citizens of Fort Lauderdale.

**DATED this,** the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.



  
Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

