

Proclamation

In Recognition of YMCA Water Safety Awareness

- WHEREAS,** Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 1 to 4 in South Florida, and for every fatal drowning, there are an estimated 10-15 near-fatal drownings; and
- WHEREAS,** The YMCA wants to change that through water safety and drowning prevention education, free swim lessons, and rallying the community to pledge to be Water Watchers; and
- WHEREAS,** The South Florida community joins together with the YMCA to safeguard our kids from unfortunate childhood tragedies like drowning by pledging to be Water Watchers; and
- WHEREAS,** Water Watchers are actively watching the children, keeping their eyes on the water, avoiding distractions, and safely removing all children out of the water and calling 911 in an emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** The YMCA of South Florida, a cause-driven nonprofit organization, is committed to leading the effort to increase awareness of this preventable tragedy by kicking off **Water Safety Awareness Days in South Florida on May 3, 2016**; and
- WHEREAS,** the YMCA is committed to making kids and adults safer in and around the water through the Swim for Jenny Week with free swim lessons from May 2-6; and
- WHEREAS,** The YMCA commits to educating and promoting drowning prevention through supervision, barriers, and alarms and swimming lessons year round.

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

Water Safety Awareness Month

in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 3rd day of May 2016.



John P. Seiler

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

