

Proclamation

Presented to
John William Calcaterra
on his
90th Birthday

- WHEREAS,** John William "Pompano Bill" Calcaterra has been a beloved fixture in greater Fort Lauderdale for several decades as a photographer documenting the people and events of the LGBT community; and
- WHEREAS,** Pompano Bill's love of life and his warm and friendly spirit have touched everyone he's met; and
- WHEREAS,** Pompano Bill was born in a small town on Michigan's upper peninsula in 1926, served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, and spent 36 years working for IBM before retiring to Florida in 1986; and
- WHEREAS,** Pompano Bill earned his nickname because he initially resided in Pompano Beach and friends wanted to distinguish him from another Bill in their circle; and
- WHEREAS,** Pompano Bill developed his interest in photography when he began taking pictures of the mix of people who gathered around the pool at the old Club Caribbean off Fort Lauderdale beach on Sunday afternoons; and
- WHEREAS,** his photography caught the eye of the publisher of the old Scoop Magazine, who asked Pompano Bill to shoot professionally for him; and
- WHEREAS,** Pompano Bill has since taken photographs at thousands of events, parties, gatherings and benefits as he worked for numerous publications including the South Florida Gay News, Outlook, 411, Buzz and Hotspots; and
- WHEREAS,** Pompano Bill's body of work represents such a detailed depiction of the history of the area's LGBT community that it is worthy to be in a museum; and
- WHEREAS,** Pompano Bill is celebrating his 90th birthday on January 12, 2016 and the City of Fort Lauderdale wishes to honor him for his dedication to the community and his passion for life.

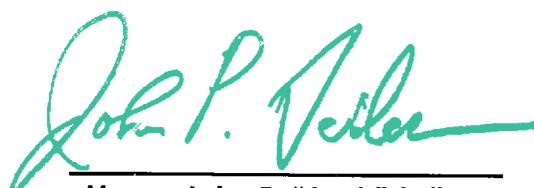
NOW THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, January 12, 2016,** as:

POMPANO BILL APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 12th day of January 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

