

*Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale*

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
National Physician Assistants Week
October 6-12, 2016**

WHEREAS, quality, affordable, and accessible patient-centered healthcare provided by skilled practitioners contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping patients understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for themselves; and

WHEREAS, PAs are academically and clinically prepared to provide healthcare services including diagnosis and treatment of disease, assist in surgery, and prescribe medications with the direction of a supervising physician; and

WHEREAS, a valuable asset to the medical community, PAs work side-by-side with physicians to enhance the delivery of high-quality healthcare for patients often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, PAs have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to people's lives and for working together with the healthcare team to ensure delivery of more efficient and effective healthcare services.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **October 6-12, 2016** as:

National PA Week

in the city of Fort Lauderdale encourage all our citizens to recognize PAs for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in healthcare as a critical part of the healthcare team.

DATED this, the 5th day of October 2016.



Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler



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