Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

Presented to
Marti Huizenga

WHEREAS, as a community volunteer, activist, and philanthropist, Marti Huizenga has helped steer much needed support toward non-profit organizations that serve children, foster education, care for and save the lives of thousands of animals, and ensure a better community for our next generation in which to live, work, play, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, after growing up in San Antonio on the west coast of Florida, moving to Fort Lauderdale as a young widow and working mother of two small children she married H. Wayne Huizenga in 1972 and has been his partner for the last 44 years. Marti has been a guiding force for all community giving and involvement throughout the Huizenga business empire including sports teams such as the Miami Dolphins, Florida Marlins, and Florida Panthers as well as Blockbuster Entertainment Corporation, Waste Management, AutoNation and many more; and

WHEREAS, the Huizenga Family Foundation, with Marti leading the way, funded hundreds of non-profits with major support including the Museum of Discovery and Science, the Marti Huizenga Boys and Girls Club, the Marti Huizenga Humane Society, the Huizenga Family Foundation Salvation Army headquarters, the campus of Junior Achievement World and major donations to the Urban League of Broward County, the United Way of Broward County, and the Horatio Alger Society to name a few; and

WHEREAS, her many honors include the American Heart Association Golden Heart Award, Silver Boys & Girls Club of America Medallion Award, Child Care Connection Child Advocate of the Year Award, Habitat for Humanity of Broward Spirit of Humanity Award, North Broward Hospital District Kate Platt Award, and the Sun-Sentinel Publisher's Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, most recently, as chair of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts $56 million capital campaign she helped raise funds that made possible a much-needed restaurant on the New River called Marti's Bistro, a youth theater, and general update to the facility. Marti's Bistro has rejuvenated Riverwalk and adds another asset to the already exciting experience at the Center that residents and visitors to our area can enjoy. Finally, the Huizenga Family Foundation provided the funding to establish the Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Nova Southeastern University.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **October 19th, 2016** as:

MARTI HUIZENGA DAY

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and encourage all citizens to join with us in honoring and thanking Marti Huizenga for her dedication to the betterment of our city.

DATED this, the 19th day of October 2016.

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