

*Office of the Mayor  
City of Fort Lauderdale*

# *Proclamation*

**In Recognition of  
Florida Native Plant Month  
October 2016**

**WHEREAS,** plants, flowers and shrubbery provide the world with beauty, resources, and habitats for birds, animals, and insects; and

**WHEREAS,** the state of Florida's landscape has diverse regions of scrub forests, swampy areas, and lake and beach fronts, and native plants that include wildflowers, groundcover, ferns, and palms thrive in its unique climate and environment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Florida Native Plant Society began in the summer of 1980 in Winter Park, Florida by a group of scientists, educators, and conservationists concerned about the loss of Florida's native plants and the introduction of non-native species overtaking natural areas; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** the Society now consists of 38 chapters and 3,700 members from all walks of life who volunteer their time, knowledge and skills in public workshops, Land Management Reviews, raising money for Conservation and Research grants, Landscape Awards, conferences, restoration projects and teaching Floridians about the benefits of native plants; and

**WHEREAS,** the city of Fort Lauderdale has an incredible wealth of natural areas to showcase Florida's native plants and native plant communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Broward Chapter of FNPS has members who participate in activities that benefit the citizens and environment of the city of Fort Lauderdale.

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

## **FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and urge all residents to learn more about the native plants in our community and join us in thanking the Florida Native Plant Society for making our state a more beautiful place to live and for preserving our native plant heritage.

**DATED this,** the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.



  
Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler



*Celebrate*  
**FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT MONTH**  
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