

Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
Florida House on Capitol Hill Day
October 27, 2016**

- WHEREAS,** Florida House on Capitol is hosting a reception on October 27, 2016 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** Florida House on Capitol Hill opened its doors 43 years ago on October 26, 1973, becoming the first, and is the only, "State Embassy" in Washington D.C.; and
- WHEREAS,** the property was discovered in 1972 by then First Lady of South Florida, Rhea Chiles. It was originally built in 1891 by Edward Manning, is located behind the Supreme Court and offers a unique view of the United States Capitol; and
- WHEREAS,** the Florida House on Capitol Hill is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides cultural, social, educational, and economic resources for Floridians and others visiting Washington D.C; and
- WHEREAS,** the Florida House on Capitol Hill showcases Florida's culture and diversity, maintains and operates Florida House, and provides opportunities for Florida's citizens to enrich their appreciation and knowledge of our nation's government. The Florida House is privately owned and is funded through private donations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Florida House is an educational and information center and also provides exclusive meeting, classroom, and reception space for Floridians and others to use when visiting Washington D.C.; and
- WHEREAS,** Florida House offers many cultural programs some of which include: Florida's Author's Series/Distinguished Artist, art exhibits including Florida Highwaymen, the Seminole Indian Tribe, a partnership with the Florida Museum of Art, a partnership with the Cherry Blossom Princess Program, and more; and
- WHEREAS,** Floridians are fortunate to have Florida House on Capitol Hill as a place to visit while in D.C., and the Mayor and City Commissioners are proud to issue this proclamation in recognition of this most valuable asset.

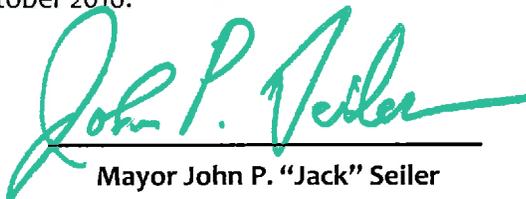
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **October 27, 2016** as:

Florida House on Capitol Hill Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 27th day of October 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

