Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

In Recognition of
Florida Day of the Dead Celebration
November 2, 2016

Requested by Vice Mayor Dean J. Trantalis

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, the seventh annual "Florida Day of the Dead Celebration" will be held on Fort Lauderdale's beautiful Riverwalk and throughout the downtown as an official signature event of the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, the Day of the Dead, or Dia de los Muertos, merges ancient Aztec and other indigenous peoples' traditions from the Americas with the Christian remembrances of All Souls Day to celebrate the lives of the dead and the richness of Latin American culture and its influence on the residents of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, the "Florida Day of the Dead Celebration" includes giant puppets and costumes at the "Skeleton Processional" and emotional memorials at the Ofrenda Exhibition; and

WHEREAS, the processional is sponsored by the city, the Riverwalk Trust, the Puppet Network, and the Puppet Guild of South Florida and will be opened by the Consulate General of Mexico and city officials; and

WHEREAS, the processional will go from Huizenga Plaza west along Riverwalk to end with a further celebration at the Revolution Live Entertainment Complex and will include mariachi musicians and thousands in people in skeleton costumes and masks; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, the Consulate General of Mexico, and the Community Foundation of Broward will be sponsoring an Ofrendas and "Life in Skeleton" Exhibit at the New River Inn as part of the festivities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale congratulates event founder Jim Hammond and his producing team for developing an event rooted in authentic traditions for family audiences that helps to celebrate those who have lost loved ones.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **November 2, 2016**, as:

FLORIDA DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and urge all citizens, interested groups, and organizations to participate in this important celebration.

DATED this, the 2nd day of November 2016.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

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