

*Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale*

Proclamation

**Presented to the
Broward County Guardianship Association**

- WHEREAS,** the Broward County Guardianship Association (BCGA) was founded in 1990 to further the professionalization of guardians as accountable court representatives through education, networking, and legislative action; and
- WHEREAS,** the BCGA believes that those appointed to the care of guardians, conservators, and fiduciaries deserve quality services and that every person should be provided respect, due process, rights, and dignity in guardianship; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mission of the BCGA is to promote the protection, dignity, and value of incapacitated persons through a code of ethics, advocacy, and dissemination of information to further the professionalization of guardianship as an accountable, protective service through education, networking, and legislative action; and
- WHEREAS,** the BCGA is the countywide organization that promotes and supports excellence in the practice of guardianship and is the voice advocating for the incapacitated and their guardians; and
- WHEREAS,** Broward County is home to almost 600,000 seniors and residents with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** many of these Broward County residents are vulnerable individuals who have needs that require special attention and knowledge; and
- WHEREAS,** guardians provide an important voice and advocacy for Broward County's most vulnerable populations; and
- WHEREAS,** guardians annually devote countless hours to ensure that the needs of their wards are met and that they are protected from abuse, exploitation, and neglect; and
- WHEREAS,** public, professional, and family guardians in Broward County provide these vital services to our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the BCGA acts as a liaison with state and national guardianship organizations and other groups interested in quality guardianship services; and
- WHEREAS,** the BCGA wishes to express its gratitude to the many individuals who have committed time and talent to the development of these standards and helped to improve this process; and
- WHEREAS,** the BCGA would also like to thank the board members, both past and present, who volunteer their valuable time to ensure the education and support for all guardians within Broward County.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **October 14, 2016** as:

Broward County Guardianship Association Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and join the Broward County Guardianship Association in thanking everyone involved in providing these vital services to the vulnerable members of our Fort Lauderdale community.

DATED this, the 14th day of October 2016



John P. Seiler

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

