

Office of the Mayor  
City of Fort Lauderdale

# Proclamation

**Presented to  
Donald R. Hall**

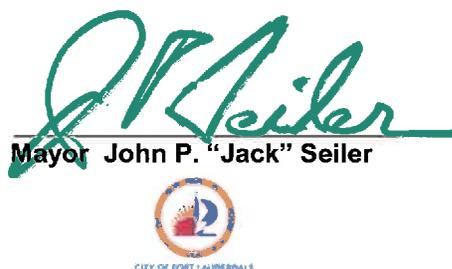
- WHEREAS,** The City of Fort Lauderdale is proud to recognize Donald R. Hall for his exemplary contributions to the City for nearly 40 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Don Hall was born on January 15, 1944 in St. Louis, Missouri, he graduated from Florida Southern University and Stetson University College of Law; and
- WHEREAS,** Upon graduation, Don entered the U.S. Army and he and his wife Paula moved to Frankfurt, Germany where he served three years as a counter-intelligence officer during the height of the Cold War; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1972, Don moved to Fort Lauderdale where he began his legal career; and
- WHEREAS,** From 1976 to 1991, Don was a partner in the law firm of Gustafson, Stephens, Ferris, Foreman and Hall, where he practiced Land Use Law throughout Broward County and proudly served as City Attorney for the City of Fort Lauderdale from 1980 to 1987; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1991, Don joined Gunster where he has been a Shareholder for more than 25 years practicing Land Use Law; and
- WHEREAS,** For the past three and a half decades, Don became a vital part of Fort Lauderdale's growth, development and progress helping to inspire the revitalization of downtown, Fort Lauderdale Beach, and the shaping of the City's iconic skyline through such innovative projects as Las Olas Riverhouse, The Palms, Venezia, Strada 315, Marshall's Point, L'Hermitage, Beach Place, The Atlantic Hotel and of course ICON Las Olas, which took over 12 years to obtain its development approvals and is currently under construction; and
- WHEREAS,** Don worked with several not-for-profit organizations over the years, but his involvement with the Museum of Discovery & Science where he served on the Board of Directors from 1987 to 1995 was one of which he was most proud, as during this period the Museum went from a small hands-on children's museum located in the old New River Inn to building the new Museum and IMAX Theater which opened in 1992; and
- WHEREAS,** Don Hall's extraordinary professional contributions, civic engagement and commitment to building community have helped transform the City of Fort Lauderdale into the focal points of an active, vibrant, 24-hour City; a leading business center; a "must see" vacation destination; and an outstanding place to live, work, play, visit and raise a family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, November 29, 2016** as:

## **Donald R. Hall, Esquire Day**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and encourage all citizens to join with us in congratulating Donald Hall for his lifelong dedication, contributions, and service to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**DATED this,** the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.



*"Fort Lauderdale: The City You Never Want To Leave"*