

Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
November 20, 2016**

- WHEREAS,** World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, a global day, initiated by RoadPeace in 1993, is commemorated on the third Sunday of November each year; and
- WHEREAS,** this day is dedicated to remembering the many millions killed and injured on the world's roads, together with their families and friends; and
- WHEREAS,** World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims has become a significant tool for governments as it offers the opportunity to demonstrate the tremendous scale of traffic tragedies and casualties, and the need for action to address this concern; and
- WHEREAS,** there have been 28 lives lost so far this year in traffic crashes within the city of Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** there have been 10,723 total traffic crashes, 2,235 of which involved injuries within the city of Fort Lauderdale this year impacting thousands of families; and
- WHEREAS,** this year World Day of Remembrance is paying special tribute to the dedicated emergency response personnel, police officers, and medical professionals who respond to the traumatic aftermath of traffic fatalities and injuries on a daily basis; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale has taken significant steps towards enhancing safety on all streets through adoption of **Vision Zero Fort Lauderdale**, a response to safety for the traveling public whether walking, biking, riding a bus, or driving to achieve zero traffic fatalities through education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation, and engineering; and
- WHEREAS,** Vision Zero Fort Lauderdale is based on three principles: Firstly, "There is not an acceptable level of fatality or injury on our streets; secondly, "Traffic deaths and injuries are not accidents but preventable crashes; and lastly, "The public should expect safe behavior on city streets and actively participate in efforts to make them safer;" and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale recognizes there is more to do to reach the goal of achieving zero fatalities in this critical issue of road risk, but takes pause to remember those affected by traffic crashes in our city not only this year but all who have lost their lives previously.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **Sunday, November 20th, 2016** as:

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

In the city of Fort Lauderdale and encourage everyone to join with us as we reflect and recognize the many individuals and families affected by traffic crashes.

DATED this, the 15th day of November 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler



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