

Proclamation

- Whereas, *the ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE* duly formed on March 1, 1922 with the principle of “service above self” and with God’s grace has richly served the Fort Lauderdale community for 75 years; and
- Whereas, *the ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE* celebrates this long history of service in our community serving many individuals and many groups who, with this dedication of Rotary has made their lives, and our lives richer; and
- Whereas, *the ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE* began its distinguished history in Fort Lauderdale, with a scant 2,000 plus population, our city was at the time, the smallest city in the United States to receive a Rotary charter; and
- Whereas *the ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE* was the city’s first service club, and has made community leadership and Rotary membership synonymous; and
- Whereas *the ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE* affectionately referred to as the “Downtown Rotary Club” carries on today, magnificently and continues to render distinguished service to our community as a grand tradition, with sound purposes; and
- Whereas *the ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE* with programs from local to international, fulfill the object of Rotary which is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster: *First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; *Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each member of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society; *Third.* The application of the ideal of service by every member to their personal, business, and community life; *Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.
- Whereas *the ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE* will celebrate 75 years from its distinguished, and visionary beginnings on the day of Saturday, April 26, 1997 in grand tradition, on the grounds of Stranahan House, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; so
- Therefore, We as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida do hereby proclaim the day of
Saturday, April 26, 1997 as

ROTARY CLUB OF FORT LAUDERDALE DAY

IN CELEBRATION OF 75 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY and extend our deepest appreciation for all their efforts in our community. We wish them each the best and all our support in moving forward with this grand tradition and applaud their purpose.