

City of Fort Lauderdale
Citizen of the Year

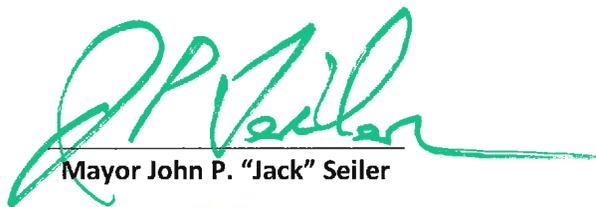
**PROCLAMATION HONORING
SHARON MAJOR-HUGHES
AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2015**

- WHEREAS,** Sharon Major-Hughes was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale. She attended Walker Elementary School, Sunrise Middle School, Fort Lauderdale High School and Plantation High School; and
- WHEREAS,** For more than 20 years, Sharon Major-Hughes has volunteered her time, talent, and energy to help less fortunate youth in our community by providing food, clothing, shelter, supplies, and other necessities; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2010, Sharon Major-Hughes founded Prince to Kings (PIIK) a non-profit organization dedicated to helping at-risk school-aged boys by providing free mentoring, tutoring, and life skills, while imparting the standards and principles needed to help them become successful, productive, and empowered members of our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Prince to Kings helps young underprivileged males achieve their future goals through a variety of programs and activities that focus on leadership, responsibility, integrity and respect; and
- WHEREAS,** The organization's offerings include an Annual Literacy Contest, Anti-Bullying Forum and Poetry Contest, Black History Play, Annual Talent Show, Bowling Day, Community Basketball Tournament, and a Back to School Readiness Forum and Supply Giveaway; and
- WHEREAS,** With the assistance and support of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Prince to Kings helps build positive relationships between law enforcement and children, while teaching youngsters how to interact with police in a positive manner; and
- WHEREAS,** The success of Prince to Kings is a credit to the leadership, vision, and commitment of Sharon Major-Hughes, who serves as an exemplary role model and an inspiration to others seeking to make a difference in our community. Her success stories include four college graduates and six students who are the first in their respective families to graduate from high school; and
- WHEREAS,** In an effort to reach even more youth in need, Sharon Major-Hughes recently began a sister organization, Princesses to Queens, to work with at-risk young ladies and help lead them to a bright future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

- Section 1:** That Sharon Major-Hughes is hereby selected and honored as Citizen of the Year of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2015 in recognition of her many accomplishments and valuable contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and that the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby publicly recognizes and acknowledges these achievements and contributions and does hereby express its heartfelt appreciation to Sharon Major-Hughes.
- Section 2:** That a plaque honoring Sharon Major-Hughes as Citizen of the Year of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2015 shall be presented to her and her portrait shall hang in City Hall.
- Section 3:** That a parchment copy of this proclamation shall be furnished by the City Clerk to Sharon Major-Hughes as a further token of the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

DATED this, the 3rd day of November, 2015.


Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

