

City of Fort Lauderdale
Honored Founder

**PROCLAMATION HONORING
JOHN F. FUHRER
AS HONORED FOUNDER FOR 2016**

- WHEREAS,** *John Fuhrer was born on May 17, 1917 in St. Louis, Missouri where he was educated through high school and college and, later, owned commercial property, automobile, and lumber businesses; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In 1939, John Fuhrer married his wife Esther Claire Baker and they raised two daughters in their Fort Lauderdale home where Claire continues to reside today; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Former City Commissioner and, later, Mayor F. Peter Clements appointed John Fuhrer to the Fort Lauderdale Aviation Advisory Board in June of 1965 where he unselfishly volunteered his time and expertise as a member and chairman for nearly 30 years; and*
- WHEREAS,** *As chairman of the Aviation Advisory Board, John Fuhrer's real estate and finance expertise contributed greatly to the progress and advancement of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, as well as to the development of Executive Airport's 200-acre Airport Industrial Airpark, which offers more than one million square feet of prime office, warehouse, and manufacturing space; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During John Fuhrer's tenure, the Aviation Advisory Board made numerous recommendations to the City Commission that resulted in Fort Lauderdale retaining airport land and entering into long-term leases to ensure a future revenue stream; developing airport property and the Uptown Business District into a world-class international business center; implementing a special flight path for large corporate jets to reduce noise levels for neighbors; establishing a sanctuary for native gopher tortoises and burrowing owls; and developing a Helistop to link Executive Airport with the downtown business community, which the Florida Department of Transportation named Airport Project of the Year in 2002; and*
- WHEREAS,** *As one of the founders the American National Bank, John Fuhrer served on its board and also volunteered his time and services to other boards and committees including the Lauderdale Yacht Club, The Hundred Club of Broward County, Navy League of the United States, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Masonic Order, Shriners, and the Broward Citizens' Committee; and*
- WHEREAS,** *After passing away in May of 2003, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission unanimously approved renaming the Helistop as the Downtown Fort Lauderdale John Fuhrer Helistop; and*
- WHEREAS,** *John Fuhrer's leadership, astute business sense, forward-thinking vision, tireless dedication, and undeniable passion for aviation contributed to the remarkable growth and development of one of the City's most valuable assets, Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport which, today, consistently ranks as one of the top 10 busiest general aviation airports in the country.*

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

- Section 1:** *That John Fuhrer is hereby selected and honored as an Honored Founder of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2016 in recognition of his 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 John Fuhrer.*
- Section 2:** *That a plaque honoring John Fuhrer as Honored Founder of the City of Fort Lauderdale for 2016 shall be placed in the lobby of Fort Lauderdale City Hall.*
- Section 3:** *That a parchment copy of this Proclamation shall be furnished by the City Clerk to John Fuhrer's wife, Claire Fuhrer, as a further token of the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the City of Fort Lauderdale.*

DATED this, *the 5th day of October 2016.*




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler
