

Office of the Mayor
City of Fort Lauderdale

Proclamation

**In Celebration of
4th Avenue International Worship Center
90th Anniversary**

- WHEREAS,** 2016 marks the 90th Anniversary of the 4th Avenue International Worship Center located at 1237 NE 4th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL; and
- WHEREAS,** on November 5 & 6, 2016, the 4th Avenue International Worship Center is celebrating its 90th anniversary with all the appropriate ceremonies; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1925, the church's beginning was established when Brother Jenson of Miami, Florida brought 2 car loads of people to sing, testify, and witness Jesus on the streets of Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** those members purchased a tent and erected it at Southwest Sixth Avenue and West Broward Boulevard where Reverend Spencer F. Beard held an 11-week revival; and
- WHEREAS,** the church was set forth and organized June 27, 1926 as the Church of God, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by the State Overseer Reverend E. L. Simmons appointing Reverend Spencer F. Beard as Pastor over 7 members; and
- WHEREAS,** after moving to several locations, the church came to rest at its current site which was purchased in 1935 under the direction of Reverend. J.S. Brinsfield; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1951, under the leadership of Reverend Ralph E. Williams, the old church building was demolished and the current facility was built in its stead; and
- WHEREAS,** in later years, the church came to be known as the 4th Avenue International Worship Center; and
- WHEREAS,** since the birth of the church in 1926, the church and the congregation has observed and stood in awe at the handy-work of God; and
- WHEREAS,** out of this original church nine churches have been birthed as a multi-cultural, multi-generational ministry that presently has 12 different nationalities as part of its community of faith; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Commissioners are proud of Pastor Diane Mann and the congregation as they continue to make a lasting impact on our community. We join with them in honoring "Embrace the Dream – Experience the Miracle" and know that they will reach their potential and fulfill their mission to "build a community to change the world."

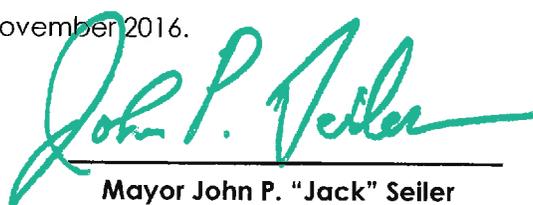
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **November 5 & 6, 2016** as:

**4th Avenue International Worship Center
90th Anniversary Days**

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and do congratulate Pastor Mann and the congregation on reaching this milestone anniversary.

DATED this, the 2nd day of November 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler



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