

WHEREAS, Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan, and became an international organization the following year; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Kiwanis celebrates its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in the early years, members focused on business networking but in 1919, the organization changed its focus to service; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, during the 90th anniversary year of Kiwanis, delegates to the International Convention voted to adopt a new motto, "Serving the Children of the World", to emphasize the primary focus of Kiwanis service over those nine decades and make a commitment for the years to come; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, women were officially allowed into the membership. Today, Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization of men and women who share the challenge of community and world improvement; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis has grown to more than 8,400 clubs in 96 nations. There are about 606,608 active members in the Kiwanis family, representing nearly every culture on every continent; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Kiwanis Division 23 and 24, comprised of 24 clubs, plan hands-on projects such as the SOS Tropical Children's Walk, Christmas in July, Kiwanis 1 Day, and various other projects to benefit homeless and foster children and improve community; and

WHEREAS, January 21, 2015, marks a century of service. By honoring this historic date, the stage is set for the future successes of Kiwanis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joanne Simone, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2015, as

"Kiwanis International Day"

in the City of Margate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 18th day of February 2015.

JOANNE SIMONE, MAYOR