

**Presented to Steel Lafferty in recognition of the
2014 Rockstar WWA Wakeboard World Championships**

- WHEREAS,** Wakeboarding is a sport that combines the elements of water skiing and snowboarding where riders are pulled behind a boat or cable system and use the wakes created to do high speed thrilling tricks that include multiple spins, combination jumps, and flips; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Fort Lauderdale is proud to welcome the 2014 Rockstar WWA Wakeboard World Championships presented by Supra Boats, which will take place from September 11 - 14 at Mills Pond Park; and
- WHEREAS,** Sponsored by the World Wakeboard Association, the World Championship event is expected to attract more than 200 of the best amateur and professional wakeboarders and wakeskaters from ages seven to 55, who will thrill crowds with high-flying stunts and electrifying tricks; and
- WHEREAS,** This prestigious event will bring some of the sport's biggest names to town including Austin Hair, Taylor McCullough, Trevor Hansen, Reed Hansen, Brad Teunissen, Cory Teunissen, Bec Gange, and Fort Lauderdale's own Steel Lafferty; and
- WHEREAS,** With the support of his parents, Chip and Mary Jean Lafferty, Steel was introduced to wakeboarding at the age of 10, honed his skills at Fort Lauderdale's Mills Pond Park, and was soon competing as an amateur in tour events; and
- WHEREAS,** After graduating from Fort Lauderdale's Westminster Academy, Steel Lafferty achieved his dream of becoming a full-time wakeboarding professional. Since turning pro, he has taken the sport by storm, inventing three new tricks and becoming the first wakeboarder in history to successfully land the Toe Back 900, the W2W Toe 1080, and the Backside 1080; and
- WHEREAS,** As one of the sport's young up-and-coming stars, Steel Lafferty's impressive achievements in wakeboarding include capturing first place at the 2010 Nationals, first place at the 2010 and 2011 Masters, and second place at the 2012 Worlds. He currently ranks as the Number 3 professional wakeboarder in the world; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Fort Lauderdale salutes Steel Lafferty for his dedication, perseverance, and outstanding accomplishments in wakeboarding, and wishes him the best of luck at the upcoming World Championships and throughout his career.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **September 3, 2014** as:

Steel Lafferty Day

AND DO further Proclaim **September 11 - 14, 2014** as:

WWA Wakeboarding World Championships Days

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and encourage all of our neighbors to join us for this entertaining and exhilarating event at Mills Pond Park as we cheer on our homegrown wakeboarding professional, Steel Lafferty.

DATED this, the 3rd day of September 2014.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

