

**Presented to  
Robert “Woody” Woodbury  
In Celebration of his 90th Birthday**

- WHEREAS,** Fort Lauderdale icon Robert “Woody” Woodbury was born 90 years ago on February 9th, 1924 in St. Paul, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS,** Woody’s love for performing shined at an early age when as a young Boy Scout, he took up the keyboards and formed an eight-piece band that was a hit at local grade school and community functions; and
- WHEREAS,** After serving as a United States Marine Corps Fighter Pilot in World War II and the Korean War, Woody arrived in South Florida in the 1950s and began an unprecedented 20-year run as one of the most successful and beloved comedians of his time; and
- WHEREAS,** Known as the “King of Cocktail Comedy,” Woody was an immediate hit on the nightclub circuit entertaining audiences up and down the coast with his unique and often risqué “adults only” brand of humor; and
- WHEREAS,** His wildly popular comedy routines coupled with his enormous following resulted in Woody becoming one of the first entertainers to release his own comedy records. Woody’s string of best-selling albums included *Woody Woodbury Looks at Love and Life*, *The Laughing Room*, *Concert in Comedy*, *The Spice is Right*, and *Thru the Keyhole*; and
- WHEREAS,** As his career continued to skyrocket, Woody frequently appeared on *The Tonight Show* as a performer and as guest host during the Steve Allen era. In 1962, he replaced Johnny Carson as host of the game show “*Who Do You Trust?*” and from 1967 to 1969, he hosted *The Woody Woodbury Show*, a syndicated talk and variety program; and
- WHEREAS,** In addition to his exploits as a comedian and television personality, Woody also appeared in numerous films including: *For Those Who Think Young*, *Safe at Home*, *Beyond the Bermuda Triangle*, *Super Fuzz*, and *Hardly Working*; and
- WHEREAS,** Woody’s immense popularity and successful show business career helped transform Fort Lauderdale into the place to see and be seen, while solidifying the City’s reputation as a hotbed for talent during the golden era of nightclub comedy; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2012, Woody Woodbury was honored with induction into the Fort Lauderdale Beach Walk of Fame in recognition of his lifelong accomplishments and outstanding contributions to the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **February 18th, 2014** as:

## **Woody Woodbury Day**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and encourage all citizens to join with us in wishing Woody Woodbury a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and many more years of health, happiness, and success!

**DATED this,** the 18th day of February 2014.

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**Mayor John P. “Jack” Seiler**

