

**Presented to
Battalion Chief Timothy Blank**

- WHEREAS,** Timothy Blank has dedicated his life to protecting the public, beginning as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician in 1988; and
- WHEREAS,** Timothy Blank joined Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue in 1995 and his widely recognized skills and talents earned him promotions through the ranks to his current leadership position of Battalion Chief; and
- WHEREAS,** Timothy Blank has also faithfully and patriotically served our nation since enlisting in the United States Marines in 1983; and
- WHEREAS,** Timothy Blank was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy Reserves in 2008 and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** Timothy Blank has served lengthy and dangerous Tours of Duty in Haiti, to assist earthquake victims; in Africa, to support anti-terrorism and anti-piracy missions; and most recently, in Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** Timothy Blank successfully completed over 85 missions throughout Kabul and Kandahar to ensure accountability of U.S. provided equipment and training of Afghan Security Forces; and
- WHEREAS,** Timothy Blank has been recognized throughout his distinguished military career with numerous medals and commendations including the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal and Defense Meritorious Service Medal, among many others; and
- WHEREAS,** on December 5, 2013, Timothy Blank returned from his Tour of Duty in Afghanistan to the loving and joyful arms of family, friends and colleagues at a televised welcoming celebration at Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport; and
- WHEREAS,** our City recognizes the profound sacrifices of service members as well as their families and extends our sincere thanks to Timothy Blank's wife Veronica, sons Brandon and Ronald, and daughter Sarah.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, March 4, 2014** as:

Battalion Chief Timothy Blank Day

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and encourage all citizens to join the City in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for the exemplary, life-long commitment of service by our Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Timothy Blank

DATED this, the 4th day of February 2014.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

