

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS:** Victoria Burgess, who was determined to set a Guinness World Record, decided to paddle from Cuba to the United States on a standup paddleboard in under 30 hours; and

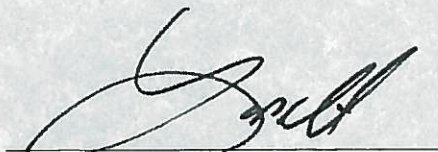
**WHEREAS:** On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Ms. Burgess set out on her journey and began paddling from Havana, Cuba, accompanied only by support crew aboard a catamaran boat; and

**WHEREAS:** Victoria Burgess, a Pompano Beach Fire Inspector, paddled through difficult oceanic conditions such as large swells, seaweed patches and storms; and

**WHEREAS:** After 27 hours and 48 minutes of consecutive paddling, Victoria arrived in Key West, Florida, crossing from Cuba to the United States on a standup paddleboard in under 30 hours setting the world record.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, commend Victoria Burgess for her gallantry and the pride that she brought to our community with her courageous feat. We extend our thanks and hereby designate July 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, as **"VICTORIA BURGESS DAY"** in the City of Pompano Beach.

**DONE, this 10th DAY OF JULY, 2018.**

  
LAMAR FISHER  
MAYOR

