

Office of the Mayor  
City of Fort Lauderdale

# Proclamation

In Recognition of  
**William "Bill" Watts Day**  
**Founder of Vetinfo.org**  
**June 11, 2022**

**WHEREAS,** William "Bill" Watts served in the United States Army from 1989 to 1996 during the Gulf War. Bill is a decorated veteran who has earned several honorable awards including two Army Commendation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, two Good Conduct Medals, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to his philanthropic service to many organizations, Bill is very passionate and outspoken on issues concerning veterans, specifically those who served in the Gulf War. This passion inspired him to start his non-profit organization, Vet Info, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of vetinfo.org is to improve the quality of life and health of U.S. veterans through advocacy and education. They provide assistance to military families and all the courageous men and women who served in the U.S. military during World War 2, the wars in Korea and Vietnam, the Gulf War, the War on Terror, and other conflicts; and

**WHEREAS,** Bill is an advocate for veteran healthcare and suicide prevention throughout the United States. He set up the first gambling intervention program at the Miami Veterans Affairs Hospital for veterans and civilians. While working as the lead veteran on steering committees, Bill worked closely with major political figures in South Florida to help create and organize veteran outreach programs and events. He was chosen to be a Military Consumer Reviewer for the Department of Defense Funded Gulf War Illness Research Program out of Washington D.C. Bill is a sitting member of the Department of Veterans Affairs Research Advisory Committee and Sub-Committee for Gulf War Illnesses. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Bill helped organize food drives for the community and veterans by personally delivering food to those without transportation; and

**WHEREAS,** Bill actively pursues research opportunities with local universities on the benefits of non-drug alternatives and fishing for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental or physical disabilities. Using his knowledge of fishing, he helps teach the sport to others by leading classes at VA facilities, parks, and Bass Pro Shop retail locations; and

**WHEREAS,** Hall of Fame Marina celebrates National Marina Days and honors veterans and Vet Info, Inc. All monies raised through sponsorship and donations will be presented to Vet Info, Inc, a 501(c)(3).

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **Saturday, June 11, 2022** as:

## **William "Bill" Watts Day**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**DATED this,** the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.



  
Mayor Dean J. Trantalis



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