

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

November 28, 2009 – Gregg Sternaman Day

WHEREAS, Gregg Sternaman began his sporting life in a neighborhood filled with boys who loved baseball, basketball and football; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Sternaman has been an avid participant, coach and follower of sports his entire life; and

WHEREAS, when a sports injury ended Gregg's career on the field, his passion for sports stayed alive and burning bright in his heart; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Sternaman began his coaching life by recruiting kids in the neighborhood to play on Park District teams and then moved on to coaching baseball, football and wrestling in area high schools, including Highland Park High School; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Sternaman is more than a teacher and a coach. Gregg always considered himself a "teacher" and worked toward teaching his players to become better baseball players, football players and wrestlers, but more importantly, he taught these boys how to be men; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Sternaman lives by "The Stern Way" and taught many Highland Park young men what it means to be a disciplined, confident, team player and leader in all they do, and of all Gregg's accomplishments, this is the one he is most proud of; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Sternaman has always been willing to place his concern for the good of the team ahead of his personal interests and thus the THE STERNY WAY FOUNDATION has been established to honor Coach Sternaman and to "Pay It Forward" by providing sporting equipment and opportunity for underprivileged youth.

Therefore, I, Michael Belsky, Mayor of Highland Park and the City Council of the City of Highland Park, do hereby proclaim

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in recognition of Gregg's accomplishments in teaching young people to become solid adults and with consideration of his unselfish and loving gesture to "Pay It Forward" through "The Stern Way".

DATED this 28th day of November, 2009