



L. BROOKS PATTERSON, OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friends:

Please accept my personal invitation to witness an historic event at the 12th Annual Quake on the Lake Inboard Hydroplane Races. For the first time, Quake on the Lake will host one of the nation's premier boat races - the 2011 National Inboard Hydroplane Championships.

It has been more than four decades since the National Inboard Hydroplane Championships were held in Michigan.

Quake on the Lake is scheduled for Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17 at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in White Lake and Waterford townships. The racecourse at Pontiac Lake is recognized as the fastest one-mile racecourse in North America. Since Quake on the Lake's inception 11 years ago, 17 world speed records have been broken in 10 classes of inboard hydroplanes.

This year's hydroplane racing will feature classes that will run from 90 miles per hour to those that approach 175 miles per hour in the straight-aways. The Eastern Divisional Championships were held at Pontiac Lake in 2009 and more than 100 race teams attended from across North America.

In addition to the high-speed action on the water, there will be loads of family entertainment for all ages including musical entertainment from national and local acts. For more information, go to www.QuakeOnTheLake.org.

The best part of Quake on the Lake remains the same – raising money for charity. Event producers, the Oakland County Community Club, have given over \$100,000 to various charities. Once again this year, all Quake On The Lake net proceeds will benefit The Rainbow Connection, a 501(c)(3) charity which I founded about 30 years ago that grants wishes to Michigan children with terminal or life threatening illnesses as well as support other community grass-root initiatives.

I'd like to publicly thank Quake Chairman Dale Hampshire, Executive Director Sue Massey and their team of volunteers who have made Quake on the Lake one of Michigan's most enjoyable and successful summertime events. Quake on the Lake is one of a trio of Oakland County summer quality of life events that also includes the Woodward Dream Cruise and Arts, Beats & Eats.

Sincerely,

L. Brooks Patterson
Oakland County Executive