



**L. BROOKS PATTERSON, OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Dear Friends:

Summertime is a fun-filled time in Oakland County because of the great variety of family focused outdoor events that draw literally millions of people to our part of the state annually.

Kicking off the summer season on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> is Quake on the Lake which in 2009 will celebrate a milestone 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

More than a quarter of a million people over the past decade have witnessed the breathtaking excitement of the inboard hydroplanes as they kick up plumes of water while hitting world record speeds on beautiful Pontiac Lake, which is rated as one of the fastest and best race courses in America.

In 2008, Quake took on added luster and an international flavor by partnering with the Malibu Open, one of the world's most prestigious wakeboarding and ski jumping competitions. More than 90 competitors from all across the globe thrilled the 35,000 spectators who lined the shore at Pontiac Lake with their unique athletic skills on the water.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Quake on the Lake committee, lead by Dale Hampshire, which works tirelessly throughout the year to make Quake on the Lake one of Oakland County's premiere signature summertime events. Kudos as well are extended to the hundreds of volunteers who contribute their time and energy and of course the sponsors which provide the funding that makes this three-day spectacular possible.

Oakland County is pleased and honored to be an enthusiastic supporter and avid partner of Quake on the Lake because this annual celebration represents the extraordinary quality of life we are all fortunate to enjoy here in this water wonderland of 1450 shimmering lakes.

Sincerely,

L. Brooks Patterson  
Oakland County Executive