

**Honorary Proclamation
Recognizing
MDA Firefighter "Fill The Boot" Program
July 29, 30 & 31, 2005**

WHEREAS, firefighters have long been America's heroes, and they risk their lives daily for the safety and well-being of our country; and

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, firefighters nationwide have sustained the long, proud tradition of the pledge made years ago to provide help and hope to "Jerry's Kids" and the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA); and

WHEREAS, since the vow was made in 1954, firefighters have raised millions of dollars for Muscular Dystrophy Association's quest for a cure; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 alone, Michigan firefighters raised \$302,632 and more than \$20.3 million dollars throughout the country in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's many programs; and

WHEREAS, in support and recognition of the effort of our local firefighters, the Muscular Dystrophy Association announces July 29-July 31, 2005 as Fill The Boot Weekend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Pat Somerville, Mayor of the City of Rochester Hills, on behalf of the City, do hereby proclaim July 29, 30 & 31, 2005 as the MDA Firefighter "Fill The Boot" Weekend, and applaud the dedicated service and contributions our firefighters provide to the citizens of Rochester Hills and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my Seal to be affixed this 12th day of July 2005.

Pat Somerville, Mayor
City of Rochester Hills