

Town of Fairfield, Connecticut

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The Town of Fairfield honors and recognizes Geoffrey Steadman on his birthday and thanks him for his tremendous contributions toward the protection and enhancement of Southport Harbor and appreciates his stewardship of our community's treasured natural resources; and
- WHEREAS:** Since 1990, Geoff, an environmental planner, has dedicated himself as a consultant for several Connecticut towns assisting with plans and projects concerning coastal areas and harbor management. Fairfield has been fortunate to be one of the communities Geoff devotes his time providing essential planning services to; and
- WHEREAS:** Always professional, easy to work with and helpful, Geoff has made a positive impact on the ongoing work of the Town's Harbor Management Commission (HMC) and its various committees. He has served as the principal author of The Management Plan for Southport Harbor, providing ongoing assistance in its updates and revisions, and was the key planner for the dredging of the Southport Harbor Federal Navigation project; and
- WHEREAS:** Geoff has been instrumental in reviewing all proposed projects affecting the harbor, coordinating plans for implementing the Commission's "Lower Wharf and Town Boatyard Improvement project" and preparing Connecticut Port Authority grant applications for the Harbor Management Plan update. Geoff attends all HMC meetings gladly assisting members with public outreach efforts, including the design of the 2021 Southport Harbor survey and tabulation of its results; and
- WHEREAS:** Geoff has also been intricately involved in the Commission's "Southport Harbor Harbor Sand Management Project" to reduce the rate of shoaling in the federal channel, excavate accumulated sand, protect the nesting habitat for endangered piping plover, and utilize the excavated material for beach nourishment. He also assisted the HMC with review and final approval of Exide Group, Inc.'s proposal to dredge and process lead-contaminated sediment from the Mill River and Southport Harbor and remediate an environmental condition that had been negatively affecting the harbor and river for decades; and
- WHEREAS:** Further, Geoff, a board member of the Connecticut Harbor Management Association, is a highly respected liaison between the HMC and town, state, and federal agencies. He also provides his expertise to the Harbor Master and Pequot Yacht Club, assists the Town's Shellfish Commission and is a consultant for the Fairfield Forestry Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Gerber, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 8, 2024 as

GEOFFREY STEADMAN DAY

in the Town of Fairfield and encourage all citizens to wish Geoff a happy and healthy birthday and be grateful for all of the outstanding achievements he has made in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Fairfield to hereby be affixed this 8th day of May, 2024.




William A. Gerber
First Selectman