

# Proclamation

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



WHEREAS, public discourse in a responsible, judicious and open manner is essential to the democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, civil behavior is a cornerstone of a well-ordered society; and

WHEREAS, the word "civility", derived from the Latin "civitas" meaning city and "civis" meaning citizen, invokes an essential virtue involving norms of common courtesy and good behavior that characterize healthy relationships and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, common experience suggests that displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, disrespect and gratuitous personal attacks have become too common in public life, and too easily tolerated as "normal"; and

WHEREAS, incivility obstructs the exchange of ideas, reduces possibilities for consensus, impedes progress, discourages individuals from participation in government and public life generally, and ultimately weakens society; and

WHEREAS, the City, County and Government Law Section of the Florida Bar has urged all Florida local governments to recognize May 2012 as "Civility Month".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 2012 AS "CIVILITY MONTH" AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FLORIDA BAR'S CITY, COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION, AND TO REAFFIRM CIVILITY AS AN ESSENTIAL VIRTUE IN PUBLIC LIFE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

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MAYOR FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN