# Proclamation

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, The Village of Key Biscayne is an international community, with European connections dating at least to 1513, when Juan Ponce de León took refuge from his historic voyage of exploration, enjoying on our Island Paradise fresh water which, after his salty travels and travails, may well have seemed to him to be the fabled Fountain of Youth; and

WHEREAS, our community has always fostered cordial relations with communities around the world, not least in Spain. The native country of many of our residents and the patronage of many more whose path in life took them on their forbears from Spain to Latin America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne recognizes a connection with the City of Murcia, the seventh largest municipality in Spain; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Murcia, the Honorable Miguel Angel Cámara Botia, has served in office since 1995, providing strong and exemplary leadership to his constituencies; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village of Key Biscayne extend greetings and good wishes to Mayor Miguel Angel Cámara Botia and the residents of the City of Murcia, and wish to establish a mutual and continuing friendship; and

WHEREAS, the former Mayor of the Village of Key Biscayne and a founding member of our outstanding municipal government, José Ignacio (Joe) Rasco, Jr., will deliver this proclamation to the Mayor of Murcia in person on June 22, 2012 in Murcia, Spain, on behalf of the Honorable Franklin H. Caplan, the present Mayor of the Village of Key Biscayne.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION TO EXTEND PERSONAL GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO THE MAYOR OF MURCIA, MIGUEL ANGEL CAMARA BOTIA, AND TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF MURCIA, AND TO EXPRESS THE WISH, TO BE AFFIRMED IN PERSON BY OUR REPRESENTATIVE, JOSE IGNACIO (JOE) RASCO, JR., A LEADER OF OUR COMMUNITY AND A PERSONAL FRIEND, THAT OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES, JOINED BY A COMMON PARENTAGE, HERITAGE AND CULTURE, WILL ALSO BE BOUND IN CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP AND LIFTED BY THE BENEVOLENT EFFECTS OF GOOD GOVERNMENT, PROSPERITY, AND A HEALTHY CIVIC LIFE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE, 2012.

MAYOR FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN