Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, music animates occasions of all sorts, whether sacred, solemn or ordinary; and

WHEREAS, for many years Merle Hamm has contributed his beautiful tenor voice and facility for music-making to various institutions serving the Key Biscayne community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hamm's longstanding service includes a remarkable tenure spanning thirty-five years as the Minister of Music at the Key Biscayne Community Church, a venerable institution that celebrated its sixtieth anniversary in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hamm's voice in service to our American Legion imbues our community's patriotic and ceremonial occasions with meaning and beauty through music, and honors our veterans with special dignity; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of thirty-five years of striking just the right note in his own distinctive voice, on February 23, 2014, the pastor and congregation of the Key Biscayne Community Church will recognize Merle Hamm for the uplifting gift of music; and

WHEREAS, as our ceremonial life has been enriched by his voice, it is fitting and proper to add mine, representing our community, to recognize with appreciation and gratitude a good and gentle man.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2014 AS

"MERLE HAMM DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014

MAYOR FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN

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