

Proclamation



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the Key Biscayne Women's Cancer Auxilliary has contributed more than \$600,000 to the fight against cancer in the 20 years of the Auxilliary's existence; and

WHEREAS, the Key Biscayne Women's Cancer Auxiliary has chosen to honor the Sonnabend Family at it's 20th Annual Event to support the fight against Cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Sonesta story dates back to the 1940's when A.M. "Sonny" Sonnabend, a successful Boston Realtor and financier merged his growing hotel acquisitions with the newly acquired Childs Restaurants chain and named it Hotel Corporation of America. He recruited his three sons, Roger, Paul and Stephen to help with the company; and

WHEREAS, the Sonnabends preferring their roles as hoteliers rather than financiers built a hotel management company which eventually was renamed Sonesta, a blend of their parents first names, Sonny and Esther; and

WHEREAS, the Sonnabend family has operated the Sonesta Beach Resort in Key Biscayne since 1969; and

WHEREAS, after 36 years on Key Biscayne, the Sonesta Beach Resort is almost synonymous of the island; and

WHEREAS, the Sonesta, under the Sonnabend family's leadership, has brought happiness and wonderful events and memories to many families, not only in Key Biscayne, but around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Village of Key Biscayne recognize the Sonnabend Family for their community service, achievements and efforts to make Key Biscayne a better place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, FEBRUARY 15, 2006 AS:

“SONNABEND FAMILY DAY”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE THIS 15th DAY OF February, 2006.

MAYOR ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI