

Proclamation

Whereas, in 1997 Woodson K. Woods embarked on a journey to build a privateer inspired by the original historic tall ships from the War of 1812; and

Whereas, the goal was to create a living history museum to educate children and adults alike about American history through active sail training aboard a real wooden sailing ship; and

Whereas, on July 28, 2001 in Rockport, Maine, Woods' vision was realized. Past and present converged as Lynx was launched in a gala event ordaining a magnificent future on the high seas; and

Whereas, the Privateer Lynx recognizes her Port of Call, a visit to Ft Myers Beach as a significant event in the Celebration of the Star Spangled Banner and The War of 1812, a celebration that this year alone Lynx has sailed over 14,900 miles while on patrol of the east coast and Canadian Maritimes; and

Whereas, the Privateer Lynx will be entering the Port of Ft Myers Beach on January 3, 2013 as her first port ever visited in the Gulf of Mexico.

Now, Therefore, the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach are pleased to welcome the Privateer Lynx to Fort Myers Beach, and provide the backing and community support along with the Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Given under my hand and the seal of the office of the Mayor this 7th day of January, 2013.

Bob Raymond, Mayor