

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States has been a beacon of freedom and democracy for more than 230 years; and

WHEREAS, our country was founded on the belief that people deserve to be free, and that the establishment of a government of the people, by the people and for the people was paramount; and

WHEREAS, it is important that today's students understand our country's history and what those who came before have done in order that students have schools to attend and the freedom to achieve their academic best; and

WHEREAS, Lee County Public Schools has created its annual *Pride & Patriotism – Youth Celebrating the Arts & Honoring our Veterans* event that brings together today's students with current and former military personnel to honor them for all they've done using the visual and performing arts;

WHEREAS, Pride and Patriotism is a collaborative event between the school district, the Southwest Florida Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Lee County students and local veterans to celebrate the arts and what is best in America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Fort Myers Beach hereby proclaims November 10, 2009 as

Pride & Patriotism – Youth Celebrating the Arts & Honoring our Veterans Day

Given under my hand and the seal of the office of the Mayor of the Town of Fort Myers Beach,

Larry Kiker, Mayor