Town of Fort Myers Beach
PROCLAMATION

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving up paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

NOW, Therefore, I, Larry Kiker Mayor of the Town of Fort Myers Beach do hereby proclaim April 29, 2011 as Arbor Day in the Town of Fort Myers Beach and, I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Given under my hand and the seal of the office of the Mayor this 4th day of April, 2011.

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Larry Kiker, Mayor