

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Wed., February 15, 2012

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Mayor David Rice

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AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Mayor's Proclamation declaring February 12-18, 2012 as Mariners Hospital Week in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the hospital.

ITEM BACKGROUND: The hospital was founded in 1962 as a 14-bed facility named the Overseas Hospital by Dr. Nathaniel Levin. The facility has gone through several evolutions over the years to become the expansive, high-quality medical facility it is today.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____ **INDIRECT COST:** _____ **BUDGETED:** Yes No

DIFFERENTIAL OF LOCAL PREFERENCE: _____

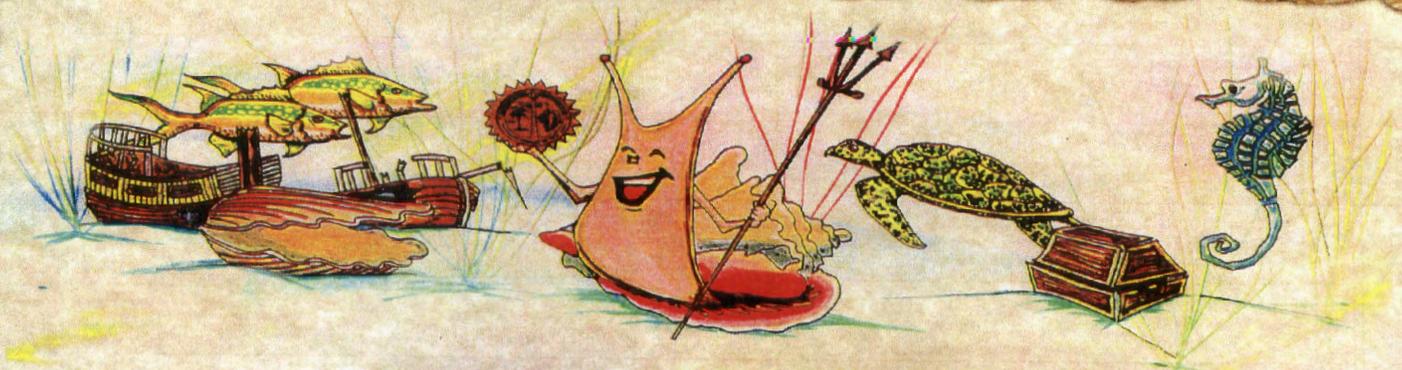
COST TO COUNTY: _____ **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____ **AGENDA ITEM #** _____



Mayor's Proclamation

Mariners Hospital Week - 50th Anniversary

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WHEREAS, in 1962, Dr. Levin founded the for-profit Overseas Hospital on property he owned next to his home, and in May 1962, admitted the hospital's first patient, and in 1966 when he sold the 14-bed hospital to fellow surgeon, Dr. Stanford Setnor, M.D., the name was changed to the Keys Community Hospital, and in the late 1960's, community leaders formed the Keys Community Foundation, which spearheaded efforts to convert the hospital to not-for-profit-status, and

WHEREAS, when fundraising efforts stalled and a referendum to create a special taxing district failed, the hospital was sold to American Medical Affiliates, which in February 1972, dedicated a new million dollar expansion that brought the number of beds to 42 and included a four-bed coronary care unit, two operating rooms, and an expanded emergency room facility, and

WHEREAS, after being saved from closure in 1979 by a successful bond issue, on June 10, 1980, the newly named Mariners Hospital become a community-owned, non-for-profit hospital, but continued to face financial challenges, and in May 1984, voters approved a special taxing district to ensure the continued operation of the hospital and funded new equipment and expansion of services, and

WHEREAS, in December 1994, Mariners Hospital entered into a merger agreement with Baptist Health Care, which opened a new \$18.5 million, 72,000 square foot facility in February 1999, and to this day continues to provide a wide array of high-quality medical services to the Keys community.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me, David Rice, as Mayor by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, I hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, February 12 through Saturday, February 18, 2012, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Mariners Hospital, as

MARINERS HOSPITAL WEEK

And urge County residents to take part in the commemorative events planned, such as the Mariners Hospital Community Party scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2012.

SIGNED this 15th day of February, 2012

Mayor David Rice, Monroe County, Florida

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February 2012

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31 and

32 WHEREAS, shortly after the expansion, the hospital began a
33 period of financial decline leading to its near closure in early
34 1979, and

35 WHEREAS, the formation of a "Save our Hospital" committee
36 in April 1979, led to the creation of the not-for-profit Keys
37 Hospital Foundation, which won support for a bond issue that
38 allowed the hospital to remain open, and

39 WHEREAS, on June 10, 1980, the newly christened Mariners
40 Hospital became a community-owned, not-for-profit hospital, and

41 WHEREAS, the hospital continued to face financial
42 challenges and, in May 1984, voters approved a special taxing
43 district to support the continued operation of the facility,
44 which purchased new equipment and expanded its services, and

45 WHEREAS, the expanded services and greater community
46 support allowed Mariners Hospital to thrive and to seek funding
47 to expand to a new location, and

48 WHEREAS, in December 1994, Mariners Hospital entered into a
49 merger agreement with Baptist Health Care, which opened a new
50 \$18.5 million, 72,000-square-foot facility in February 1999, and

51 WHEREAS, in 2010, Mariners Hospital became a 25-bed
52 critical access hospital and continues to provide a wide array
53 of high-quality medical services to the community, NOW,
54 THEREFORE,

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56 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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58 That the members of the Florida Senate recognize Mariners

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59 Hospital on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and express
60 appreciation for its commitment to excellence in providing
61 health care services to residents of the Florida Keys.