



**MAYOR'S  
PROCLAMATION**

**FLAGLER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MONTH  
January 2012**

*WHEREAS*, the Flagler Centennial Celebration Committee is a not-for-profit community group organized to promote the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Railroad to the Sea; and

*WHEREAS*, the goals of the celebration are to develop awareness of our Monroe County history and a deeper sense of community throughout Monroe County; and

*WHEREAS*, on January 22nd, 1912 the first train on the Key West Extension of the Florida East Coast Railway passed through the Florida Keys en route to Key West, forever changing the Keys' accessibility to visitors and inhabitants alike; and

*WHEREAS*, the Key West Extension of the Florida East Coast Railway, conceived by Standard Oil tycoon Henry Flagler, carried passengers to islands previously isolated by the sea; and

*WHEREAS*, the citizens of Monroe County will benefit from the educational and historical information disseminated by the Flagler Centennial Celebration; and

*WHEREAS*, events celebrating the Railroad that Went to Sea are being held statewide to the culmination of January 22, 2012, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inaugural train's arrival at Key West;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Heather Carruthers, Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, do hereby declare January 2012 as

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and encourage all to share in the celebration of this great history of the Florida Keys.

Signed on this 16th day of November 2011.

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**Heather Carruthers, Mayor**