

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 02/20/2008

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: Dist.3

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AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Proclamation Proclaiming February 23rd, 2008 as Rotary Day in Monroe County.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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

Rotary International District 6990

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 32,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is the world largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants; and

WHEREAS, more than 47,000 students from 110 countries have studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 57,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries; and

WHEREAS, 7,000 secondary-school students each year experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program; and

WHEREAS, Jim Norton is the Governor of the District 6990 providing leadership and inspiration to the clubs, the membership and throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, there are over 2300 Rotary club members in more than 48 clubs throughout South Florida and Grand Bahama Island sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

Therefore, I, Sonny McCoy, Mayor of Monroe County do hereby proclaim February 23rd, 2008 as Rotary Day in Monroe County and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing Rotary International for its more than 103 years of service to improving the human condition in local communities around the world.

Charles "Sonny" McCoy
Monroe County Mayor

