

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: March 19, 2008

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes X No    

Department: Dist.3

Staff Contact /Phone #: Tammy Sweeting

**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

Presentation of Mayor's Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of March Seagrass Awareness Month.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGETED:** Yes     No    

**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes     No     **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

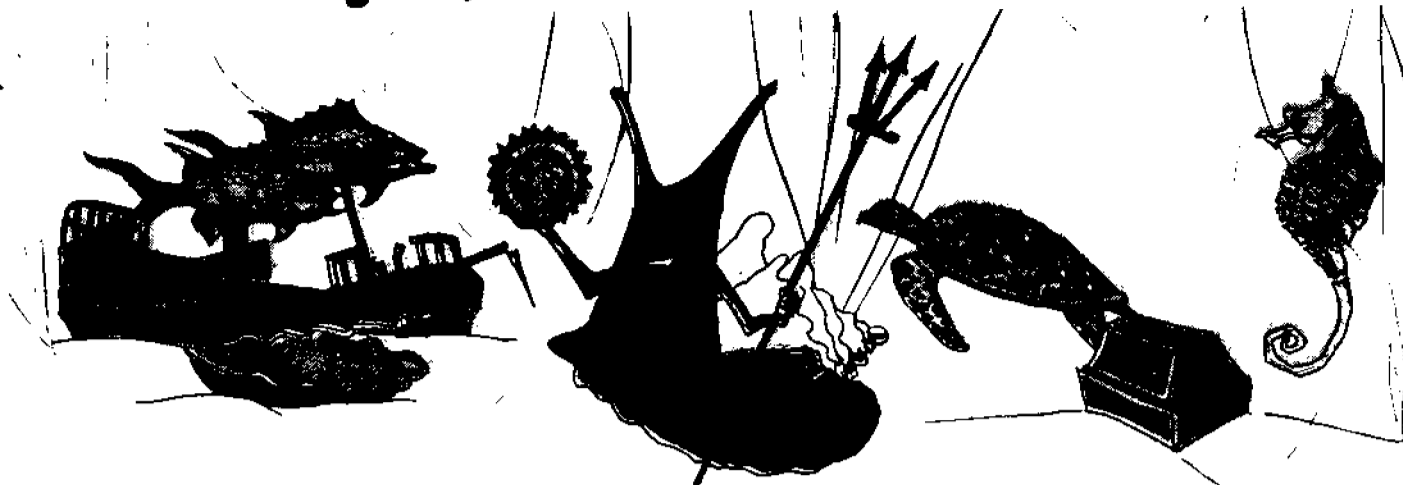
**APPROVED BY:** County Atty     OMB/Purchasing     Risk Management    

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included    

Not Required    

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Mayor's Proclamation

*Monroe County Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the seagrass community of South Florida is the largest seagrass meadow in the world and has helped create and sustain the world class fishing in the Florida Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, many commercial fishery species rely on seagrass habitat during some part of their life cycles including pink shrimp, lobster, red fish, snapper, and stone crab; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 alone, seagrass communities in Monroe County supported an estimated harvest of roughly \$22.5 million for six commercial species of fish and shellfish; and

**WHEREAS**, while there are 1.5 million acres of seagrass in Monroe County, Florida over 30,000 acres in South Florida have propeller scars; and

**WHEREAS**, seagrass stabilizes bottom sediments and helps to absorb the excess nutrients from land run-off which can further damage the quality of our waters; and

**WHEREAS**, the seagrass community supports hundreds of species of fish at various stages of their development; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness of the problems facing this vital natural resource will help to create an understanding of the ways seagrass damage can impact both the economic and ecological value of our marine resources.

Now, Therefore, by virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, I do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2008 as

**SEAGRASS AWARENESS MONTH**

DATED this 19 day of March 2008



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "C. McCoy", is written over a horizontal line.

Monroe County Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy