

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Wed., October 17, 2007

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ___ No XX

Department: Mayor Di Gennaro, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom
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AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Proclamation declaring the month of November 2007 as Keys Recycling Month.

ITEM BACKGROUND: The Green Living and Energy Education Group (GLEE) has coordinated an Reduce and Recycle Challenge with local waste haulers to document and compare waste and recycling rates for the month of November; and the Green Living and Energy Education Group (GLEE) is coordinating Recycling Fairs for the public throughout the Keys on Saturday, November 17, 2007.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: During the past year, Monroe County participated in GLEE's Keyswide Sustain-Ability Project; and Monroe County has signed on to the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ___ No ___

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

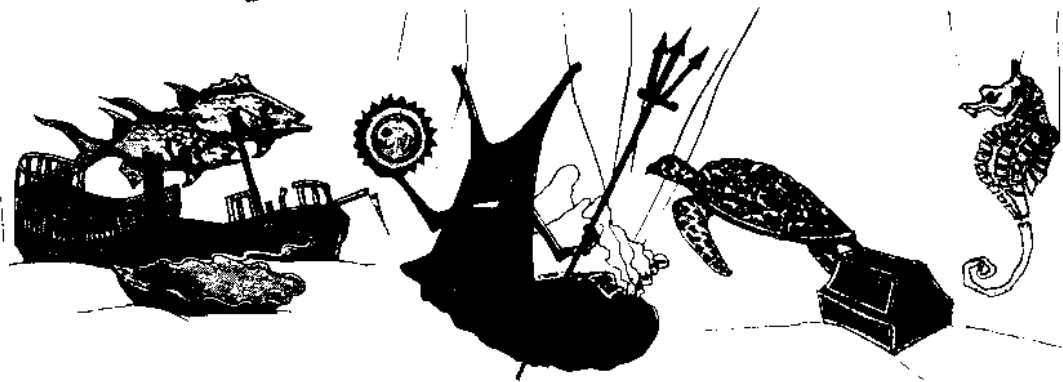
REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ___ No ___ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

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

DOCUMENTATION: Included XX Not Required _____

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # _____



Mayor's Proclamation

Keys Recycling Month
November 2007

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys are designated by the State of Florida as an "Area of Critical State Concern"; and

WHEREAS, Recycling saves Natural Resources, Energy, our Environment and adds value to the local Economy; and waste reduction saves energy and resources in the long run; and

WHEREAS, The four R's of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot (compost) are all part of an effective, waste reduction system; and waste handling fees for all fuel, equipment, processing, facilities and landfill costs paid by our residents, businesses and institutions will be mitigated by overall waste reduction; and recycling and reducing waste are important ways an individual can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Awareness and participation are critical to successful and sustained waste reduction and recycling effectiveness; and coordinated recycling efforts were instigated by Keys citizens in 1989 and reached proportions of over 30% of the total waste stream leaving the Keys; and

WHEREAS, Keys recycling rates have now fallen to levels below 10% of our total waste stream; and

WHEREAS, the 15th of November of each year has been designated by the President of the United States as America Recycles Day; and

WHEREAS, the Green Living and Energy Education Group (GLEE) has coordinated an Reduce and Recycle Challenge with local waste haulers to document and compare waste and recycling rates for the month of November; and the Green Living and Energy Education Group (GLEE) is coordinating Recycling Fairs for the public throughout the Keys on Saturday, November 17th; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County is a participant in GLEE's Keyswide Sustain-Ability Project; and Monroe County has signed on to the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, striving to take action in our own operations and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners believes that Recycling will have a direct relationship to the economic well-being, public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Monroe County and the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mario Di Gennaro, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, hereby proclaim the month of November 2007 as

Keys Recycling Month

DATED this 17th of October, 2007.

Mario D Gennaro
Mayor Mario Di Gennaro