



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Mel Fisher's Treasures will hold its 15th annual Mel Fisher Days' Celebrations in Key West in honor of Mel Fisher's historic discovery of the Motherlode of the Atocha; and
- WHEREAS, Mel Fisher suffered many personal losses to keep his dream alive during his 16 year search and endured over 100 court battles which ended in victory in the US Supreme Court; and
- WHEREAS, Mel's perseverance and determination has inspired people in the City of Key West, and world-wide, to never give up; and
- WHEREAS, Mel Fisher's Treasures continues the search for the remaining hundreds of millions in treasure that is yet to be recovered from the Atocha and Margarita wreck sites, off the coast of Key West; and
- WHEREAS, Mel Fisher Days' Celebrations will donate 100% of all net proceeds to Wesley House Family Services in an effort to give back to the community of Key West, which supported the Fisher family through all of the hard times; and
- WHEREAS, Wesley House Family Services provides prevention and intervention services for children and their families through their Strengthening Families Program , supervision of at risk children in the dependency care system, including foster care, assistance to children that have aged out of foster care and public adoption through their Full Case Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
July 11-14, 2013 as

Mel Fisher Days

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2nd day of July 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR