



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gainey Maxwell was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 16, 1923; and

WHEREAS, growing up in difficult circumstances during The Great Depression, Gainey enlisted in the Navy at the tender age of 17; and

WHEREAS, Gainey Maxwell first served on a heavy cruiser, and then on submarines beginning in 1942, serving in both the Pacific and the Atlantic theaters during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Gainey Maxwell arrived for the first time in Key West in 1949, on a submarine; and

WHEREAS, After twenty years of military service, Gainey Maxwell retired from the Navy in 1960 with a captain's license and began running charter boats in Key West as his full-time occupation; and

WHEREAS, Gainey Maxwell raised his family in Key West, and ran the respected charter boat business until retiring (again!), in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Gainey Maxwell has been a member of the VFW for most of his years in Key West, earning the respect and admiration of the community for his many accomplishments and his dedication to four generations of family and friends in this fair city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West and Mark Rossi, District 2 City Commissioner do hereby declare
Monday, December 16, 2013 as

GAINEY MAXWELL DAY

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 19th day of November 2013.

Mark Rossi, D2 Commissioner

Craig Cates, MAYOR