



WHEREAS, Mel Fisher's Treasures will hold its 14th 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 whose mission is to promote and enhance the safety, well-being and development of children by educating, supporting and meeting the needs of families, provides prevention and intervention, foster and adoption services, child care services, and resource and referral services for the children and families of Monroe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
July 12-15, 2012 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR