PROCLAMATION

Flood and Hurricane Awareness Month
June 2013

WHEREAS, Florida hurricane season officially begins June 1 and ends November 30; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key has experienced severe weather in the past decade in the form of extreme rainfall events primarily during the summer rainy and hurricane season; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these storms flooding has occurred in various locations throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key is a participant in the National Flood insurance Program Community Rating System that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced premium rates; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous mitigation methods available to property owners to reduce the flood risk and potential flood damage to their property; and

WHEREAS, public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection is critical to the health, safety and welfare of residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat key is a participant in the Manatee and Sarasota Counties Local Mitigation Strategies and the Sarasota Flood Awareness Committee and has scheduled public outreach activities to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risks, the availability of flood insurance and protection methods.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Longboat Key Town Commission proclaims the month of June as

Flood and Hurricane Awareness Month

and calls upon each citizen and business to increase their knowledge of how to protect themselves and their property from severe weather on the 20th day of June, 2013, by attending a public outreach meeting in the Town Commission Chambers between 9 a.m. and Noon.

James L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trish Granger, Town Clerk