

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-12

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to establish an awards program to formally recognize outstanding citizens, groups, organizations or businesses that have brought credit to the Town of Fort Myers Beach, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has requested that the Community Resources Advisory Board develop guidelines and procedures for administering such a program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Resources Advisory Board has developed guidelines and procedures and has provided them to the Town Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, as follows:

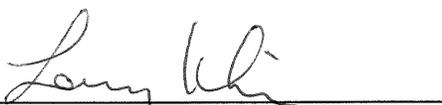
Section 1. The document entitled "Fort Myers Beach Citizen Recognition Program, Citizens of Distinction Awards," which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby adopted and shall govern the nomination and selection of persons or entities who will receive Citizen of Distinction Awards from the Town Council.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town Council.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by Vice Mayor Raymond and seconded by Councilmember Kosinski and upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Larry Kiker, Mayor	aye	Bob Raymond, Vice Mayor	aye
Joe Kosinski	aye	Jo List	aye
Alan Mandel	aye		

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2011, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By:   
Larry Kiker, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:   
Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By:   
Fowler White Boggs, Town Attorney

# **Fort Myers Beach Citizen Recognition Program**

## **Citizens of Distinction Awards**

The Citizens of Distinction Awards are designed to recognize, on an annual basis, outstanding citizens, groups, organizations or businesses that have brought credit to our Town.

Awards may be granted in each of the following categories:

1. Arts and Culture Recognition
2. Athletic Achievement
3. Beach Heritage
4. Youth Award of Merit
5. Mayor's Special Award

### **Awards Categories**

#### **Arts and Culture Recognition**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach recognizes citizens, groups and organizations of Fort Myers Beach who have distinguished themselves in an artistic or cultural endeavor. Recognition is given to individuals or groups who have placed first, second or third at a state level competition, or who have distinguished themselves in their art at a local, regional, national or international level.

#### **Athletic Achievement**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach recognizes citizens, groups and teams who have distinguished themselves in athletic endeavor.

- Recognition is given to individuals or groups having placed first, second or third in a state or regional level competition, or national or international level.
- Teams and candidates may hold amateur or professional status.
- Sporting events must be sanctioned or recognized by a state, national or international governing body.
- All non-resident members of a nominated group or team who train primarily in Fort Myers Beach are also recognized.

#### **Beach Heritage**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach recognizes any citizen(s) who has contributed significantly to the heritage of Fort Myers Beach.

- Recipient must be a full time resident of Fort Myers Beach.
- Consideration is given to the length of time they lived in Fort Myers Beach
- Consideration is given to their role in the history of Fort Myers Beach and their contribution to the past growth and development of Fort Myers Beach
- May be awarded to a deceased individual.

#### **Youth Awards of Merit**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach recognizes and promotes youth involvement and contribution to the community through significant efforts or achievements.

- Nominee must be eighteen or younger at the time of the nomination

- Consideration is given to both their academic, athletic, cultural and economic achievements, and their contribution to the community.

#### Mayor's Special Award

This award is awarded at the discretion of the Mayor in recognition of outstanding effort and achievement of an individual, group or business.

- This award may be awarded at any time during the year.
- This award is not contingent upon nominations.
- Candidates and recipients are selected solely by the Mayor.
- The criterion for this award is determined solely by the Mayor.

#### General Criteria

- Nominations are accepted for individuals, groups, teams or businesses.
- Current or former residents of Fort Myers Beach are eligible for the awards.
- Full or part-time residents or businesses operating in the municipal limits of Fort Myers Beach for at least 3 years are eligible, depending on award category criteria.

In making the Citizen Recognition decision the Town Council will consider the following:

- ✓ whether the nominee is recognized as coming from or residing on Fort Myers Beach
- ✓ whether the achievement attained brought widespread recognition to Fort Myers Beach
- ✓ whether the nominee has enhanced the name of the community through positive exposure
- ✓ what level of achievement has been attained
- ✓ what exceptional contribution the nominee has made to the community.

#### Nomination Procedure

- Nomination forms are available at Town Hall and/or at [www.FortMyersBeachFL.gov](http://www.FortMyersBeachFL.gov) under "For Islanders".
- All nominations received by December 15<sup>th</sup> are eligible for awards in February of the following year.
- The nominator is responsible for submitting a complete application with all pertinent details.
- Nominees may be nominated in more than one category but can only be recognized in one category in a given year.
- The Town Manager may contact the nominator for clarification if necessary.
- The Town Manager will review all nominations with the exception of the Mayor's Special Award
- The Town Manager will forward nominees to the Town Council for their selection by the first meeting or work session in January. Awards will be presented at a Town Council meeting in February of each year.

#### Recognition

- Citizens of Distinction recipients are honored during a Town Council Meeting in February. At this time award recipients will receive a presentation from the Mayor and Council and a small engraved plaque dedicated to the award winner will be placed on the Citizens of Distinction perpetual wall outside Council Chambers at Town Hall.



***Town of Fort Myers Beach***  
**NOMINATION FORM – Citizens of Distinction**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach Achievement Awards are designed to recognize, on an annual basis, outstanding citizens, groups, organizations or businesses that have brought credit to our city.

Awards will be granted in the following categories:

1. Arts and Culture Recognition Award
2. Athletic achievement Award
3. Heritage Award
4. Youth Award of Merit
5. Mayor’s Special Award (*\*not chosen by nomination*)

Submit Nominations to:      Town Manager  
   Town of Fort Myers Beach  
   2523 Estero Boulevard  
   Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**Nominee Information:**

Please review the criteria for nomination and present as complete information as possible.

**Name of Individual, Team,  
Group or Business:**

\_\_\_\_\_ *(LIST ALL MEMBERS OF TEAM/ GROUP ON A SEPARATE PAGE)*

**Current Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:**

**#1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **#2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Years Individual, Team, Group or**

**Business Has Lived/Operated in Fort Myers Beach:** \_\_\_\_\_ **years**

**Area of Nomination:**

(please check)

- Arts and Culture**
- Athletics**
- Heritage**
- Youth**

**Please provide information on the nominee including:**

- ✓ **History of the individual, team, group or business**
- ✓ **Their achievements**
- ✓ **Their contribution to the community**
- ✓ **Details on how they have brought recognition to Fort Myers Beach**

**Please include a statement concerning why they should be recognized as a Citizen of Distinction.**

**The nominator may include up to a maximum of five (5) pages of material in support of the nomination. The support material must directly relate to the above information. Extraneous information will be edited from the nomination.**

**Citizens of Distinction recipients are honored during a Town Council Meeting in February. Award winners will be notified in writing prior to the presentations.**

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**Nominator Information:**

Nominator may be contacted if there are any questions regarding this nomination.

**Name of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** #1: \_\_\_\_\_ #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_