

Milena Eskew turned 100 years old on Monday, October 31, 2011. She has resided on Sanibel Island as a full-time resident since the early 1970's and as a part-time resident since the early 1940's; and

WHEREAS: Mrs. Eskew was a strong advocate for Sanibel incorporation. She manned a booth at Bailey's advising residents why Sanibel should incorporate. She also created and put together 13 scrapbooks about the City's incorporation that are now in the Sanibel Library's Archives. These scrapbooks are extensively used when someone wishes to gather information from this important era in Sanibel history; and

WHEREAS: Milena has volunteered for many civic organizations on the island. She was a member of the Power Squadron, a volunteer at the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the Sanibel Captiva Planning Board, Sanibel Tomorrow, which she served as the Historian Chairperson, the Membership Campaign Chairperson for Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation, the first female Chairperson of the Committee of the Islands, and finally was the introducer for Sanibel's first town meeting; and

WHEREAS: The Sanibel City Council, City staff and the citizens of Sanibel wish to express our sincere and heart-felt congratulations to Milena Eskew upon this centennial celebration occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Ruane, Mayor of the City of Sanibel, Florida on behalf of all members of City Council, City staff and the citizens of Sanibel, do hereby fondly state "HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Milena Eskew and we are pleased and honored to celebrate her 100th birthday with her.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto.