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A WEEK OF FUN: CITY OF MARCO ISLAND TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

(June 24, 2022) On August 27, 1997 the people of Marco Island voted to incorporate and Marco Island became a City. The City is planning a week of activities to celebrate the 25th Anniversary.

August 22: Scavenger Hunt and Beach Day: The day will begin with a beach clean up hosted by the Marco Island Civic Association (MICA). It will begin at 8:00am at South Beach and end at the JW Marriott where there will be cold drinks on the beach. At 10:30am residents will begin a scavenger hunt at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Several local organizations are participating which will give residents a chance to find clues and prizes around the City. During the day, the Marco Island Library will host a scavenger hunt for younger children who are not in school.

August 23: Athletic Day: The Marco YMCA will host open swim and open fitness classes for Marco Island residents. The Marco Island Chamber of Commerce and Blue Zones will organize an evening 25-minute and a 2.5 mile walk through Hideaway, and our local schools will have children walk for 25 minutes during gym class to recognize 25 years. City staff will face off in a kickball game at Winterberry Park.

August 24: Art Day: "Then and Now" art will be displayed at the schools, elementary school children will have a coloring contest, the Marco Island Center for the Arts will host a wine event in the evening, and City Hall will host an Art @ City Hall Open House.

August 25: History Day and Employee Appreciation: The local schools will have assemblies with historical actors organized by the Marco Island Historical Society. There will be a history program at the Library and a historical display in the lobby of the Museum. These events will focus on the

history of Marco Island and the beginning of Cityhood. City staff will be honored at a luncheon at Mackle Park, recognizing those employees who have worked for the City for 25 years.

August 26: City Government Day and Evening Concert: From 2:00pm-5:00pm, City police, fire, public works, and utility vehicles and equipment will be on display for kids to enjoy. There will be a meet and greet for residents to meet City Council members. From 7:00-9:00pm, a free concert by “The Rockefellers” will be held at the Marco Lutheran Church. Tickets will be available in advance of the concert.

August 27: City of Marco Island 25th Anniversary Adult Prom: We will cap off the week of celebrations with an Adult Prom at the Hilton from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Tickets will be sold for this event. The “prom” will have a 1990s theme to recognize Marco Island becoming a City in 1997.

Throughout the week, businesses that have been operating on Marco Island for 25 years or more will be recognized. #Marco25 will be featured on signs and on social media to highlight and tag each celebratory event.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration Committee includes representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Marco Island Historical Museum, the Marco Island Civic Association (MICA), the Marco Island Center for the Arts, the Marco YMCA, Marco Island Academy, the Marco Island Charter Middle School, Tommie Barfield Elementary School, Collier County Public Library on Marco Island, the Marco Island Historical Society, and City staff. If any person or business is interested in sponsoring an event during the week, please contact Casey Lucius at 239-389-3969.

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