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**FRIENDS OF LONG KEY
PRESIDENT'S LETTER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

To all Friends of Long Key,

I am pleased to provide the 2024 Annual Summary of the Friends of Long Key (FOLK). FOLK is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers who devote their time, talent and energy to support the Long Key Nature Center and Natural Area.

In 2024, FOLK continued its mission to support the park by contributing significant volunteer hours, expanding both its membership as well as the park's volunteer network, supporting several park enrichment events, running the annual photo contest, and purchasing several needed items for the park.

With donations received from both online channels and the donation box installed at Exhibit Hall entrance, we funded the annual photo contest, the Teddy Bear Picnic, a "Wine Down for the Holidays" event for park staff and FOLK members, and financially support several other park events. We ended the year with \$11,789, down \$1,275 from the start of the year.

In 2025, our plans include holding our 7th Annual Long Key Photo Contest, continuing the Teddy Bear Picnic event, and continuing to support the many (and growing) volunteer and enrichment events at the park while growing our volunteer network. A big "thank you" to our Board, our Members and the staff of Long Key and Broward County Parks for making the Friends of Long Key a success in 2024.

Sincerely,

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