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Leadership Monroe County and Representative Ron Saunders proudly announce Florida Keys Days 2010 to be held in Tallahassee on April 20 and 21, 2010. Florida Keys Days is a two day long advocacy event that will provide the people of Monroe County a chance to get up close and personal with lawmakers and staff who shape the policies that affect all organizations in the Florida Keys.

Florida Keys Days will be a pairing of both the public and private sector presenting to the Florida Legislature and the Governor of Florida a unified voice for Monroe County's unique needs including but not limited to wastewater policies and funding, affordable housing, and tourism initiatives. Florida Keys Days will be an opportunity to lobby legislators, network with state agencies, and will provide an environment for Monroe County to clearly convey its message to state government.

As part of the festivities, a Florida Keys style meet & greet is planned in the Capitol Courtyard on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm, complete with a seafood extravaganza, key lime pie, and cocktails. Celebrity vocalist Howard Livingston will headline. The event is free and open to the public so everyone is invited. Honorary Conch certificates and other awards will be presented to Tallahassee leaders such as Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Jeff Atwater, and House Speaker Larry Cretul, etc.

The second day, April 21<sup>st</sup>, will offer a chance to renew a very important friendship with Miami-Dade County as Monroe County partners with Miami-Dade County Days during their World Famous Paella Fest which illustrates the diverse culture of Miami-Dade and feeds over 3,000 people. In this natural partnership, Monroe County and Miami-Dade County will shape policy and the future direction of South Florida.

For details on hotels, sponsorships, and a draft itinerary, please visit the Florida Keys Days website at **[www.floridakeysdays.com](http://www.floridakeysdays.com)**.

Also see our event page on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/home.php?#/event.php?eid=433364865081](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/event.php?eid=433364865081)

*A visit to Tallahassee means having a hand in the future of business and the future of Monroe County.*