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Mr. Steve Cernak, Chief Executive & Director, Port Everglades 1800 Eller Drive Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

Dear Mr. Cernak,

As President and Executive Director of Broward Navy Days I want to thank Port Everglades for all your support of our mission throughout the year.

As we make plans for our 28<sup>th</sup> Fleet Week we are pleased to announce that there will be 4 navy ships: USS KEARSARGE, USS WAY CITY, USS GRIDLEY, Los Angeles class submarine and USCGC 2 Cutters to be named at a later date.. The date for Fleet Week Port Everglades 2017 are 30 April – 6 May.

. In the past the dockage fees were waived for the military vessels during Fleet Week. Berth 29 was dredged to enable aircraft carriers to dock at the berth. The cost of this dredging was recognized by the Navy and that the dockage fees for future Fleet Week visits would no longer be waived until there would be a zero balance.

Due to the most unusual circumstances that we are now facing in the United States with sequestration a continuing threat, a government that is not in tune with the constituents, or able to work harmoniously with other, Broward Navy Days would like to request the waiving of dockage fees to the military vessels for Fleet Week 2018. The waiving of dockage fees for the military during Fleet Week remains an incentive for the decision of the navy to send ships down to Port Everglades for Fleet Week Port Everglades. This shows our true commitment to continue the tradition of honoring our military and veterans along with their families for all their sacrifices to ensure our freedom.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Gray, Executive Director Broward Navy Days, Inc.

