

## **SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT**

**(adopted unanimously, October 11, 2005)**

**Based upon sound science, conservation minded decision makers, with the input of Sanctuary Council members, have ensured a sustainable Florida Keys coral reef ecosystem. It includes abundant fisheries, improved water quality, healthy corals and submerged cultural resources. This results in optimal usage with minimal impact, creating a vibrant, ecologically responsible economy. Defended by local and national stewards, the ecological integrity of this public resource is enjoyed and valued for generations to come.**

## **SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT**

**(adopted unanimously, December 6, 2005)**

**The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council is an interactive liaison between the residents and visitors of the Florida Keys and the staff and management of the FKNMS. In this role, and with the understanding that a healthy ecosystem is essential to the economy and quality of life in the Florida Keys, the SAC will promote restoration and maintenance of biodiversity and ecological resiliency in the South Florida environment. We will strive to achieve a vibrant, ecologically sustainable ecosystem and economy through application of the best available science and balanced, conservation-based management.**