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The Seven-Mile Bridge, foreground, and the Old Seven-Mile Bridge offer travelers along the Florida Keys Scenic Highway astonishing views of both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

City to mark National Scenic Byway Day

MARATHON, FL (Sept. 1, 2026) – The National Scenic Byway Association has announced Sept. 22 as National Scenic Byway Day, and Marathon is at the heart of one of the nation's most beautiful roadways, the Florida Keys Scenic Highway.

Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo is expected to approve a proclamation of the designation at the Marathon City Council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

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"The Overseas Highway is more than a road," Del Gaizo said. "It is a treasured pathway through the beauty, history, and unique character of the Florida Keys. On National Scenic Byway Day, we celebrate this remarkable roadway and the communities it connects."

Surrounded by the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, the Florida Keys Scenic Highway carries travelers across more than 100 miles of natural beauty and man-made wonders, such as the Seven-Mile and Bahia Honda bridges and numerous lighthouses, through glorious sunrises and glowing sunsets, and into a vast assortment of cities, towns, and villages, each with its own character, charm and community.

"National Scenic Byway Day is now our annual reminder that the journey is the destination," said National Scenic Byway Association Executive Director Sharon Strouse. "These roads connect us to America's past, present, and future — inviting everyone to explore, connect, and fall in love with this incredible country all over again."

The National Scenic Byway Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering, strengthening, and sustaining scenic byways across the United States.

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