



WHEREAS, Chief Assistant State Attorney Manuel E. “Manny” Madruga, following graduation from the University of Miami Law School in 1990, served his entire 27-year legal career as a prosecutor with the State Attorney’s Office for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in Monroe County, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, as a career prosecutor, Manny devoted his entire life to working closely with all branches of law enforcement including the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, Key West Police Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and numerous other local and state and federal law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, over the years, leading to the successful prosecution of thousands of serious, often horrific crimes earning him the respect of not only the criminal justice community but the many crime victims, witnesses, victim advocates and jurors who witnessed firsthand his dedication and respect for the law and the pursuit of justice; and,

WHEREAS, as Chief Assistant State Attorney, Manny provided leadership and guidance to many young attorney’s just beginning their prosecutorial careers at the State Attorney’s Office and was continually providing training and counsel to the law enforcement and criminal justice community, which included serving as an instructor in the Prosecutors and Public Defenders Educational Program at the University of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, Manny’s exemplary work both in and out of the courtroom did not go unnoticed by his peers, and in 2009, Manny was awarded the prestigious “Gene Barry Award” naming him the best prosecutor in the State of Florida, the highest honor a prosecutor in the State of Florida can achieve; and,

WHEREAS, Manny also devoted countless hours of his free time to give back to the community through his volunteer service as a board member of the MARC House, Leadership Monroe, Key West Ambassador Program, Boys & Girls Club, Rotary and the Masonic Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, the results of Manny’s good works in our community and the respect and dedication Manny held for, and earned from, our law enforcement and criminal justice community and the citizens of this City will remain an example for all of us; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor, Richard Payne, District IV Commissioner and Sam Kaufman, District II Commissioner of the City of Key West, do hereby declare January 7-15, 2017 as:

Manuel E. “Manny” Madruga Week

In honor and remembrance of Manuel E. “Manny” Madruga” and urge residents and visitors of the “Southernmost City of the United States” to participate fittingly in this observation by giving back to your community through volunteerism as Manny would have done.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida this 4th day of January, 2017.

Sam Kaufman, Commissioner

Richard Payne, Commissioner

Craig Cates, Mayor