Whereas, Florida remains in the area with the largest population of new cases of HIV and AIDS in the United States and

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Whereas, the goal of The SMART Ride, its Crew, its friends and family is to bring awareness to HIV/AIDS, educate those at risk and

Whereas, the participants of The Southern Most AIDS/HIV Ride will give 100% of what they raised to seven AIDS Service Organizations in the State of Florida to be used to bring much needed services to those in need from Medical Care, to Pharmaceutical Assistance, Housing and Dental Care and

Whereas, their individual spirit has given the physical strength to travel 165 miles over two days from the Village of Pinecrest in South Miami to the City of Key West and

Whereas, these individuals ride to prove to themselves they cannot be easily taken by the disease and that they cannot and will not forget those who have passed and

Whereas, we stand here at the White Street Pier in the Beautiful Florida Keys and in particular Monroe County, finishing the 2 day journey to pay tribute to those memories and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim November 14th, 2015 as

SMART RIDE DAY

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of November 2015.

Craig Cates, MAYOR