



WHEREAS, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are affected with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension;

WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a chronic, life-threatening lung disease marked by elevated blood pressure in the lungs;

WHEREAS, without treatments, PH patients live an average of 2.8 years past diagnosis;

WHEREAS, multiple treatments are available for PH, but it takes patients an average of nearly 3 years to be accurately diagnosed. This delay in diagnosis has not changed in the past twenty years;

WHEREAS, PH patients who are diagnosed earlier have a longer life-expectancy;

WHEREAS, education can help with early diagnosis and funding for research can help find a cure;

WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a nonprofit organization that seeks ways to prevent and cure pulmonary hypertension, and to provide hope for the PH community through support, education, advocacy and awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
November 2017 as

## PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to recognize the seriousness of this disease and the meritorious work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association to find a cure.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

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MAYOR