

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

AIDS in the United States and

Whereas, the goal of the SMART Ride, its Crew, friends and family is to bring awareness to

HIV/AIDS to educate those at risk and

Whereas, the participants of the Southernmost 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, despite the intrusion of Hurricane Irma and the subsequent postponement of SMART

Ride from November until January, physical and mental determination has not wavered for the 165 mile journey from the University of Miami in 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 at the Edward B. Knight Pier in Monroe County, in particular the Beautiful

Florida Keys, completing the 2-day trek to pay tribute to those memories and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Craig Cates; Vice-Mayor Clayton Lopez and Commissioners Sam Kaufman, Richard Payne, Jimmy Weekley, Margaret Romero and Billy Wardlow, of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as

## **SMART RIDE DAY**

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

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Clayton Lopez, Vice-Mayor	Craig Cates, Mayor
Margaret Romero, District V Commissioner	Sam Kaufman, District II Commissioner
Billy Wardlow, District III Commissioner	Jimmy Weekley, District I Commissioner

Richard Payne, District V Commissioner