



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida and Tobacco Free FL Keys are leaders in tobacco prevention and cessation efforts; and

WHEREAS, using smokeless tobacco can lead to nicotine addiction; and

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco products like chew and dip contain 28 cancer-causing chemicals; and

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco causes cancer of the mouth, esophagus, and pancreas; and

WHEREAS, the rate of smokeless tobacco use has not decreased as drastically as cigarette use from 2012 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, once adolescents start using one tobacco product, they are more likely to experiment with others; and

WHEREAS, many of the highest smokeless tobacco use rates are in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco Free Florida's Quit Your Way tools and services can help a tobacco user successfully quit smokeless tobacco products.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor, and Clayton Lopez, Vice-Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim February 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Through With Chew Week

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

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2018.

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Clayton Lope, VICE-MAYOR

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Craig Cates, MAYOR