



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is taking a stand against child sexual abuse and joining hands and hearts with Lauren's Kids; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Book, Founder of Lauren's Kids, is on her sixth annual journey walking over 1500 miles from Key West to Tallahassee to bring awareness to the issue of child sexual abuse and advocate for prevention and legislative change; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Lauren's Kids is to prevent sexual abuse through awareness and education and to help survivors heal with guidance and support; and

WHEREAS, "Walk in My Shoes" will have its kickoff at Bayview Park on March 20, 2016 and walk a 4.2 mile loop – in honor of the 42 million survivors of sexual abuse from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, and for the second annual "Hope Fest in Key West" also at Bayview Park which will take place immediately following the walk and will include games and treats, as a way of coming together to spread hope for a better tomorrow for our children in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim March 20th of 2016 as

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation, on March 20th 2016.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 16th day of March 2016.

Craig Cates, Mayor