

WHEREAS, the riders and crew of the SMART Ride – Southernmost AIDS/HIV Ride 8 are strong, determined and compassionate individuals who honor the memories of those who have passed from this insidious disease and work towards the betterment of those who live with HIV/AIDS, and

WHEREAS, those living with AIDS live with the uncertainty of the future, those involved in the Southernmost AIDS/HIV Ride 8 have ridden over 165 miles in the course of two days, and

WHEREAS, they have endured long hours of training and have shown with their fellow crew members incredible endurance, and

WHEREAS, these riders have fought the elements of nature, wind, rain, blazing sun and heat to raise awareness, and

WHEREAS, their efforts will make a real and significant difference to those at risk for, infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim November 19th, 2011 as

SMART Ride 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 1st day of November 2011.