



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as a City we rely on law enforcement officers to keep our neighborhoods safe, enforce our laws, and respond in times of crisis. These men and women sustain peace and order in our community. They routinely put their lives on the line to defend ours, and the price of the bravery may result in injury, disability, or death and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices made by the Key West Police Department, and that the members of the Key West Police Department recognize their duty to serve the people of this City by safeguarding life and property, and by protecting them against violence and disorder; This week, we honor their extraordinary service and sacrifice, and we remember the fallen heroes whose selfless acts have left behind safer streets and stronger communities

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, State of Florida, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2017, as

Police Officers Memorial Day

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May 15 through May 21, 2017, as

Key West Police Week

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all residents of the City of Key West to support our law enforcement officers, to strengthen the ties between the police and the community, and to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to these dedicated men and women.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 16th day of May 2017.

Craig Cates, MAYOR