



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics was founded in 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics is 100% managed by volunteers at no cost to the participants; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics offers year round sports training and healthy athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics currently has 80 athletes that are taught courage and skills along with friendship and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics Athletes participate in 5 sports: aquatics, bocce, bowling, cycling, and SUP (stand up paddling); and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics started Stand Up Paddling for the athletes in hopes to have it as a sanctioned sport; and

WHEREAS, Up-coming play program called Young Athletes Program (YAP) for children ages 2 -7 with intellectual disabilities, which helps improve fundamental, physical, cognitive and social skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor and Clayton Lopez, District 6 City Commissioner of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
October 13, 2013 as

Special Olympics 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 2nd day of October 2013.

Craig Cates
MAYOR

Clayton Lopez
District 6 CITY COMMISSIONER