



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mote Marine Laboratory was created as the Cape Haze Marine Laboratory in 1955 by Dr. Eugenie Clark to teach people about the sea in a two room 240 square foot shed in Placida, and was relocated to Siesta Key in 1960 and renamed Mote Marine Laboratory in honor of its major benefactor, William R. Mote, before moving in 1978 to its current headquarters on City Island, Sarasota, and

WHEREAS, world renown Mote Marine Laboratory is one of the few remaining independent marine research centers with more than 191 staff members, 34 of whom have doctoral degrees, and nearly 1,300 volunteers conducting marine research and education projects in Monroe County and in more than 50 countries around the world, and

WHEREAS, the Laboratory currently has 200,000 square feet of research, education and public outreach space on a 10.5 acre campus on City Island in Sarasota, as well as a 200 acre inland aquaculture park in Sarasota and field stations in Charlotte Harbor and the Florida Keys on Key West and Summerland Key, and

WHEREAS, Mote Marine Laboratory has performed significant community service for the citizens of Key West through environmental education and scientific studies of Florida Bay, the Atlantic Ocean contiguous wetlands, coral reef areas of Key West, including the establishment of an educational exhibit at the Nancy Foster Eco-Discovery Center and

WHEREAS Mote Marine Laboratory has answered the challenge of educating the public about marine and estuarine ecosystems through its public Aquarium which hosts 350,000 visitors annually and its education programs which reach 28,000 students annually, and

WHEREAS, Mote Marine Laboratory, is celebrating 55 years of advancing the science of the sea through research, education and community service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
June 13<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as

### Mote Marine Laboratory 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to recognize and applaud the trustees, staff, and volunteers of Mote Marine Laboratory on the occasion of the Laboratory's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2010.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR