



WHEREAS, the ideals of charitable giving are part of the American character. Key West and the Florida Keys were built in the spirit of philanthropy as island communities filled with generous people passionate about living, caring and sharing together and embracing the philosophy of "one human family" dedicated to improving the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, our strong and vibrant community is fortunate to have the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys here, serving for the past 20 years as the community resource for collective giving and working every day to inspire philanthropy, improve the quality of life, strengthen nonprofits, foster collaboration, and provide leadership in the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$21 million in grants and program services through the generosity of its philanthropic partners, positively affecting thousands of people in need in all areas of our community, including health and human services, education, environment, arts and culture, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2016 and will work with individuals who believe in the future of the Florida Keys;

NOW, THEREFORE, by this proclamation we hereby join in celebrating the

20th anniversary of the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys

supporting the generous giving spirit of our community and believing that through collective giving and working together we can indeed build a better future.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of January, 2016.

Craig Cates, Mayor