



WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society (originally named the American Society for the Control of Cancer) was established in 1913 and has 100 years of milestones in the fight against cancer, and

WHEREAS, in 1944 the American Cancer Society prioritized funding cancer research which to date has funded 46 Nobel Laureates and is the largest nongovernmental, not-for-profit funder of cancer research, and

WHEREAS, the organization made a connection between lung cancer and smoking in 1950, which has led to education and laws that have greatly reduced smoking rates, and the American Cancer Society helped seek passage of the Cancer Act of 1971 which established the National Cancer Institute and now funds billions of dollars annually for research, and

WHEREAS, the now largest grassroots fundraising event in the world, Relay For Life, was launched by an American Cancer Society volunteer in 1985 and in 1997 the American Cancer Society opened the doors to the National Cancer Information Center which receives nearly 1 million calls seeking cancer information a year, and

WHEREAS, for the first time in history, in 2006, the actual number of cancer deaths in the United States declined thanks in large part to the American Cancer Society's groundbreaking work in cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society and its advocacy affiliate the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network were successful in gaining support and passage of FDA regulation over tobacco products, and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the American Cancer Society reported cancer death rates declined by 20 percent, which is 1.2 million lives saved, and

WHEREAS, Thursday, May 22, 2013 the American Cancer Society, the official sponsor of Birthdays, celebrated its 100th Birthday

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2013 as

## **THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAY**

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost to join together to Finish the Fight against this disease.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR