



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Relay For Life program is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers individuals and communities to fight back against cancer; and

WHEREAS, money raised during Relay For Life of the Lower Keys supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back; and this year commemorates the 20th Anniversary of Relay For Life in the Lower Keys and 30th year since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Relay For Life events helped fund more than \$177.5 million in cancer research last year which has helped save lives through the development of new therapies and treatments, healthier lifestyles and finding the causes and cures for cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society created the International Relay For Life movement, and it has spread all over the U.S. and the world – in over 20 countries; and helped fund more than \$177.5 million in cancer research in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the decline in death rate from cancer has declined 22% and breast cancer 34% since 1991, which equates to saving 500 more lives a day from cancer; No single nongovernmental, not-for-profit organization in the US has invested more to find the causes and treatments of cancer than the American Cancer Society

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim April 17 – April 18, 2015 as

RELAY FOR LIFE DAYS

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States” and encourage citizens to help finish the fight against cancer by participating in the Relay For Life event at H.O.B. School in Key West on Friday and Saturday, April 17th – 18th.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this day of 2015.

Craig Cates, MAYOR