



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Sydney Hamilton, 16, of Key West, Florida, a junior at Key West High School, created Sydney's Hope Project for which she provides uplifting activities, games and events for children undergoing cancer treatment at Miami Children's Hospital; and
- WHEREAS, Sydney, who is a childhood cancer survivor, recruited more than 30 volunteers to help her plan and implement the activities with the children; and
- WHEREAS, Sydney Hamilton, recently named as one of our state's top honorees in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, exemplifies the value of volunteer community service, and its role model to other youth as well as adults in our community.
- WHEREAS, a surprising number of volunteers in our community are like Sydney, a student contributing time without expectation of reward, other than gratification that comes from helping others. Some of these young people work in established groups, others seek new and exciting ways to help others on their own; and
- WHEREAS, we as a community must recognize young leaders such as Sydney and encourage others to follow in her example, and hope that recognizing them serves to stimulate others to volunteer service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, State of Florida, do hereby proclaim May 5th, 2015, as

Sydney's Hope Project 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 5th day of May 2015.

Craig Cates, MAYOR