



WHEREAS, the young people of Key West are tomorrow's leaders; and

WHEREAS, many such young people need professional youth services to help them cope with a wide range of social and financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Keys area provide services to more than 450 young people annually and are at the forefront of efforts in substance abuse, mentoring, academic tutoring, arts and crafts, computer skills, life skills, recreation programs, cultural enrichment and community service, and literacy programs; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club organizations in our city help ensure that our young people keep off the streets, offering them a safe and supportive place to go providing them with quality programs; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Keys Area will celebrate National Boys and Girls Club Week along with some 2,000 clubs and more than 3 million young people nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig C. Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
March 27th through March 31st 2017

NATIONAL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WEEK

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors to recognize and commend the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Keys area for providing comprehensive, effective services to the young people of our community.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 22nd day of March 2017.

Craig C. Cates, MAYOR