

WHEREAS, this month the Key West High School Fighting Conchs Football Team earned a place in the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Playoffs for this first time since 2004; and

WHEREAS, this journey to the playoffs was earned by a storm-tossed team demonstrating the Conch characteristics of determination, courage and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, after Hurricane Irma, members of the Key West football team pitched in to help with local clean-up and recovery, raising spirits and bringing hope to hard-hit communities in the Lower Keys; and

WHEREAS, with a 7-2 record, the City of Key West is proud of the many victories of the Key West High School Football team, and recognize that sports programs are an integral part of developing character in the youth who will inherit our city; and

WHEREAS, as a community we want to duly recognize the team members, Head Coach John Hughes, assistant coaches, parents, students, teachers and members of the community who supported the team on its path to the playoffs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor and Clayton Lopez, District VI, Sam Kaufman, District II, Billy Wardlow, District III and Richard Payne, District IV City Commissioners of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim January 3rd, 2018

Key West High School Football Team Day

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." We invite and urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 3rd day of January, 2018.

Richard Payne, Commissioner	
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Sam Kaufman, Commissioner	Billy Wardlow, Commissioner
Clayton Lopez, Vice Mayor	Craig Cates, Mayor