



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, Florida remains in the area with the largest population of new cases of HIV and AIDS in the United States and
- Whereas, the goal of the SMART Ride, its Crew, friends and family is to bring awareness to HIV/AIDS to educate those at risk and
- Whereas, the participants of the Southernmost AIDS/HIV Ride will give 100% of what they raised to seven AIDS Service Organizations in the State of Florida to be used to bring much needed services to those in need from Medical Care, to Pharmaceutical Assistance, Housing and Dental Care and
- Whereas, despite the intrusion of Hurricane Irma and the subsequent postponement of SMART Ride from November until January, physical and mental determination has not wavered for the 165 mile journey from the University of Miami in Miami to the City of Key West and
- Whereas, these individuals ride to prove to themselves they cannot be easily taken by the disease and that they cannot and will not forget those who have passed and
- Whereas, we stand at the Edward B. Knight Pier in Monroe County, in particular the Beautiful Florida Keys, completing the 2-day trek to pay tribute to those memories and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Craig Cates; Vice-Mayor Clayton Lopez and Commissioners Sam Kaufman, Richard Payne, Jimmy Weekley, Margaret Romero and Billy Wardlow, of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim January 20th, 2018 as

SMART RIDE DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17th day of January 2018.

Clayton Lopez, Vice-Mayor

Craig Cates, Mayor

Margaret Romero, District V Commissioner

Sam Kaufman, District II Commissioner

Billy Wardlow, District III Commissioner

Jimmy Weekley, District I Commissioner

Richard Payne, District IV Commissioner