



**City Council of the  
City of Marathon, Florida**  
**World Habitat Day Proclamation**

**October 7, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, our community and communities around the world are recognizing the first Monday of October to be World Habitat Day, as declared more than 30 years ago by the United National General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, this day of recognition focuses on the basic right to affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, 46% of families in our community pay half or more of their income on their housing; and

**WHEREAS**, this often creates for families, difficult choices between housing or healthcare or nutritious food or school supplies or clothing or creating a savings; and

**WHEREAS**, Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys helps families in Marathon build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 35 families in Marathon have partnered with Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys to build or repair and then purchase their own affordable homes; and

**WHEREAS**, a decent, affordable place to live will remove barriers to opportunity, health and success; and

**WHEREAS**, every one of us deserves the opportunity for a better future; and

**WE NOW THEREFORE** recognize the efforts of Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys and families in our area in joining the United Nations Assembly and recognizing the basic right to affordable housing, and hereby declare “World Habitat Day” in the City of Marathon, Florida.

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Mayor John Bartus

October 07, 2019

Date