



**City Council of the  
City of Marathon, Florida**

**Castaways Against Cancer Day  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Every summer, members of the kayaking team Castaways Against Cancer, made mostly of teachers and alumni from Christopher Columbus High School in Southwest Miami-Dade, paddles from Miami to Key West to raise money for cancer research; and

**WHEREAS**, Since forming in 2000, a group of friends has paddled from Miami to Key West... and then together... they have put the paddles down... and stood shoulder to shoulder with friends and family by the water... with flowers in hand... and tears in their eyes; and

**WHEREAS**, the team has paddled over 3000 miles and raised \$1,300,000 in 21 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the team's 22nd journey is set for June 12. All proceeds will benefit the University of Miami's Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, which will match every dollar raised. and %100 of the fund will go to a research grant in the fight to end cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the team is already past the \$100,00 mark this year, the 22nd trip tour is called the Blackjack Tour/ doubling down on the fight to end cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, on Castaways Against Cancer Day, we invite you to "Double down on the fight" and join us in our journey and recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to defeat this terrible disease.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City of Marathon City Council hereby proclaims the Day of June 12<sup>th</sup> to be recognized in the City of Marathon as Castaways Against Cancer Day and encourage everyone to support the Castaways Against Cancer Campaign.

June 8, 2021

Date

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Luis Gonzalez, Mayor