



City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida

Mike Forester “Be Like Mike” Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mike Forester, a dear friend to everyone who knew him and former Monroe County Commissioner and Board Member of United Way of Collier and the Keys, was a beloved member of the Florida Keys community; and

WHEREAS, “Mangrove Mike” was well-known for his generous spirit and concern for others by feeding the community in the weeks post-Hurricane Irma, helping children and animals in need; his unending commitment to law enforcement and military veterans, and

WHEREAS, Mike was a believer in the paying it forward concept, promoting goodwill and generosity through random acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS, Mike worked tirelessly to better his community in any way he could, whether it was food drives, Toys for Tots, to supporting the Sunset Park neighborhood, now known as Mike Forster Park, to supporting canal remediation projects by the County; and

WHEREAS, Mike wanted to help, make things better, and improve the world around him in any way he was able.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MARATHON, FLORIDA THAT October 21, 2022 will be designated “Be Like Mike Day” in the City of Marathon and we encourage the citizens of Marathon to do random acts of kindness, promoting goodwill and generosity, and to participate in the first Be Like Mike week activities planned for the week of October 16 -22, 2022.

John Bartus, Mayor

Date