



City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida

Florida Mosquito Control Awareness Week Proclamation April 19-25, 2026

WHEREAS, Florida has more than eighty documented mosquito species—the highest number of any state—with thirty-three of these species having the potential to transmit serious diseases. Reported cases of mosquito borne diseases have been trending upward across the United States and Caribbean in recent years and the Florida Keys are no exception; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County is home to more than fifty documented mosquito species that breed in a variety of habitats. The Florida Keys Mosquito Control District utilizes a variety of control methods to minimize the impact of all mosquitoes; and

WHEREAS, Homeowners can play a vital role in protecting their residences and businesses from mosquitos and their associated diseases by checking for discarded tires, boats, kayaks, tarps, pet dishes, flower pots, children's toys, bird baths, etc., which all have the ability to quickly produce an abundance of mosquitoes if they are not checked and dumped weekly of any accumulated fresh water; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated professionals of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District work tirelessly to reduce mosquito populations, respond to emerging threats, and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors throughout the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Keys Mosquito Control District has demonstrated a longstanding, steadfast commitment to protecting public health through science-based mosquito surveillance, control operations, public education, and innovative research initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Florida Mosquito Control Awareness Week, observed April 19–25, 2026, serves to inform and educate the public about the importance of mosquito control, personal protection measures, and the role of professional mosquito control programs in disease prevention; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA:

April 19-25 of 2026 as Florida Mosquito Control Awareness Week

The City of Marathon is calling upon each citizen and business to learn about mosquito prevention, support local mosquito control efforts, and join in recognizing the important contributions of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District.

Lynny Del Gaizo , Mayor

April 14, 2026

Date