

# Proclamation

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Whereas, members of the International Association of Firefighters serve and protect communities throughout America every day; and

Whereas, members of the International Association of Firefighters have become a symbol of national pride, honor and strength; and

Whereas, members of the International Association of Firefighters unselfishly donate their time and energy to supporting the battle against muscular dystrophy; and

Whereas, the International Association of Firefighters this year celebrates 51 years as the preeminent supporter of services and research offered by the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 AS,

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS WEEK

IN THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, AND DO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT THE VALIANT FIREFIGHTERS WHO SERVE THEM.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE THIS 29th DAY OF August, 2006.

MAYOR ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI



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July 18, 2006

The Honorable Mayor Robert Oldakowski  
Mayor of Key Biscayne  
88 W. McIntyre Street Suite #220  
Key Biscayne, FL 33149

Dear Mayor Oldakowski:

I am writing to request your assistance in recognizing the outstanding efforts of the Key Biscayne Fire Fighters on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The funds collected during their 2005 "Fill the Boot" campaign, combined with the totals from the fire departments across the State of Florida has brought in over \$2 million. I am pleased to announce that for their efforts in the 2005 collections, our Florida Fire Fighters are #1 in the country for monies raised for MDA, regaining this title from close second Texas.

To show our appreciation to the Fire Fighters in your community, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is sponsoring Fire Fighter Appreciation Week on September 1st through September 11, 2006. This courageous group of men and women will be recognized not only for their service to our communities but also for their dedication to area children and adults with muscle disorders.

Enclosed you will find a sample proclamation. We would appreciate your presenting the proclamation at a Council meeting during the month of August 2006. Please advise me of the date and time that a formal presentation will be made.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 305-717-9937 or [jodio-duran@mdausa.org](mailto:jodio-duran@mdausa.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Odio-Duran", is written over a printed name and title.

Jessica Odio-Duran  
District Director

JOD:ss

cc: Kevin Adams  
Coordinator

Enclosure: Sample Proclamation

**Muscular Dystrophy Association**

JERRY LEWIS, National Chairman

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