

# Proclamation

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Whereas, fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage, and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, in addition to their daily service to communities, firefighters throughout the State and across the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the past fifty years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and

Whereas, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is extremely grateful to the firefighters of the Village of Key Biscayne whose 2007 "Fill the Boot" campaign will assist MDA in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camps, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families; and

Whereas, in honor of the efforts of the firefighters of the Village of Key Biscayne, the MDA is sponsoring Village of Key Biscayne Firefighters Appreciation Month for the month of August 2007; and

Whereas, it is appropriate for all citizens of the Village of Key Biscayne to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association in this tribute to our firefighters.

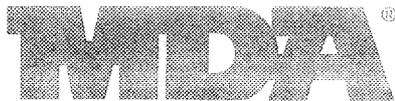
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. VERNON, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2007 AS

### VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH

AND COMMEND THE FIREFIGHTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE FOR THE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE THIS 28th DAY OF August, 2007.

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MAYOR ROBERT L. VERNON



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July 13, 2007

Mayor Robert Vernon  
City of Key Biscayne  
88 W. McIntyre St.  
Key Biscayne, FL 33149

Dear Mayor Vernon:

I am writing to request your assistance in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of the Key Biscayne firefighters on behalf of their continuous support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and "Jerry's Kids."

The money that was collected by the Key Biscayne firefighters during their 2006 "Fill the Boot" campaign brought in more than \$3,100 for children and adults affected by neuromuscular diseases. As a result of their success in 2006, these heroes, unified with other firefighters across the state of Florida, are now one of the top groups for fund-raising efforts on behalf of MDA. The firefighters plan to exceed last year's total during this year's boot drive.

To show our appreciation to the firefighters in your community, MDA is sponsoring Firefighter Appreciation Month for the month of August 2007. I am requesting that the City of Key Biscayne proclaim this month, "Key Biscayne Firefighter Appreciation Month." This courageous group of men and women can be recognized not only for their services to your community, but also for their dedication to area children and adults battling more than 40 neuromuscular diseases.

Enclosed you will find a sample proclamation. We would appreciate you presenting the proclamation at a city council meeting either the last week in July or first week in August.

Please advise me of the date and time a formal presentation can be made. On behalf of MDA and the people we serve, I want to thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

If I can be of any assistance, please call me at (561) 742-3748 or e-mail me at [rkruse@mdausa.org](mailto:rkruse@mdausa.org).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**Muscular Dystrophy Association**

JERRY LEWIS, National Chairman

Dedicated to the eradication of the muscular dystrophies, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), myasthenia gravis, the spinal muscular atrophies, Friedreich's ataxia and a host of other neuromuscular diseases.  
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