

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Nicholas the Dolphin Celebrated for his Accurate Super Bowl Pick

Clearwater, FL (February 6, 2017) – Nicholas, the rescued dolphin living at Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA), and a star of the *Dolphin Tale* movies, is being celebrated by football fans worldwide for his accurate pick of New England to win Super Bowl 51. Nicholas confidently chose the winner by swimming to and bringing the Patriots-themed football to the CMA Caregiver on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Nicholas also famously picked Clemson to win the CFP National Championship. The Facebook Live video of Nick's Patriots pick can be seen and downloaded from the following link: Nicholas Picks the Patriots.

Inspired by and relating to the "never give up" effort of the Patriots, CMA is going to give the lucky football, signed by Nicholas, to Tom Brady and his family. Nicholas, rescued at six months old with serious burns, could not have achieved success without the support of an amazing support team. Nicholas inspires millions through his strength, perseverance, and "never give up" attitude.

In addition, to celebrate an exciting Super Bowl game – all Patriots and Falcons fans are invited to visit CMA now through Friday, Feb. 10, for the discounted admission price of \$9.99, when wearing a Patriots or Falcons Team logo.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium is a marine life rescue center located in beautiful Clearwater Beach, Florida. CMA's mission of recue, rehabilitation and release has become known around the world via the Dolphin Tale movies. Its most famous resident, Winter the dolphin, was rescued in 2005 from a crab trap entanglement, eventually lost her tail flukes, and was then fitted with a groundbreaking prosthetic tail, inspiring the story for the *Dolphin Tale* movies.

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## **About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:**

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to preserving our marine life and environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescue dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter, the dolphin's story of survival after injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. A major motion picture, *Dolphin Tale*, highlighted her life story in 2011. The sequel, *Dolphin Tale* 2, was released in September 2014 and features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. The mission and potential to change people's lives differentiates Clearwater Marine Aquarium from any other aquarium in the world.

WE BELIEVE in preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life, environmental education, research and conservation.