



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the official motto of the City of Key West is “One Human Family” in living together as caring, sharing neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that kindness plays a role in civic life and public discourse; and,

WHEREAS, the issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples in our community and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, the needs for safety, prosperity, and quality of life impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity’s noblest aspirations for peace into a practical and secure reality for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that a peaceable world is possible when every man, woman and child treats others as they wish to be treated—with dignity, equity and respect; and,

WHEREAS, various churches, synagogues, places of worship, businesses, families and individuals in the Keys are being recognized for hosting and participating in the Week of Peace activities; and,

WHEREAS, Tibetan Buddhist Monks from H.H. Dalai Lama’s Drepung Gomang Monastery will be visiting Key West to offer blessings of peace, compassion, health, happiness and prosperity for our environment, our community and families during the week of January 7-15, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, In Tibetan Buddhism, the conch, also the official shell of the state of Florida and important symbol of Key West and the Florida Keys, is used to call together religious assemblies,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby declare
January 7-15, 2017 as:

WEEK of PEACE

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States” and call upon each and every person of every faith and spiritual belief to join together in mutual respect and interdependence in honor of kindness, compassion and peace. Signed this 4th day of January 2017,

Craig Cates, Mayor