

WHEREAS, the Florida State Guardian ad Litem Program was founded in 1980; and

WHEREAS, the advocates of Florida State Guardian ad Litem Program of Monroe County are 100% volunteer based at no cost to the participants; and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Guardian ad Litem Program provides a voice and advocacy to children in the judicial system, victimized by abuse, neglect and abandonment.

WHEREAS, the Florida State Guardian ad Litem Program currently has 115 volunteers who become a voice for the 226 children appointed to the program.

WHEREAS, the Florida State Guardian ad Litem Program provides the children in the program normalcy and stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Commissioners Teri Johnston, Clayton Lopez, Mark Rossi, Billy Wardlow, Jimmy Weekley, Tony Yaniz and Mayor Craig Cates do hereby proclaim, April 1, 2014 as

Guardian ad Litem Week

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS by those signed below on this 1st day of April 2014.

Teri Johnston City Commissioner, District 5		Clayton Lopez City Commissioner, District 6
Mark Rossi City Commissioner, District 2	_	Billy Wardlow City Commissioner, District 3
Jimmy Weekley City Commissioner, District 1		Tony Yaniz City Commissioner, District 4
.e	Craig Cates	

Mayor