



WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys (VNA/Hospice) was founded in 1984 to serve those in our community with life limiting illnesses and has fulfilled that mission without interruption for over 30 years; and is the oldest and only locally operated non-profit home health and hospice care provider serving all residents in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, VNA/Hospice offers the highest quality of care to patients and families in Key West and the Florida Keys; and provided over a quarter million in unfunded and underinsured charity care to Monroe County residents in 2013 and brings comfort, love and respect to all those they serve in our local community; and

WHEREAS, hospice physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers, nursing assistants, clergy, and volunteers bring care and support to the terminally ill through physical, psychological, social and spiritual aid; and

WHEREAS, home health and hospice care is a cost effective system that allows citizens to heal with dignity in the comfort of their own home surrounded by their loved ones, family, friends and pets; and

WHEREAS, VNA/Hospice is the only home health care agency in Monroe County that has received Fazzi's Home Health Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers **National Award of Distinction** for patient satisfaction placing them in the top tier in the nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
November, 2014 as

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States", I urge all citizens, residents and visitors alike to celebrate and affirm the importance of home health and hospice care during November's VNA/Hospice of the Florida Keys Home Health and Hospice Care Month and encourage all people to increase their understanding and awareness of the services and programs provided by VNA/Hospice of the Florida Keys.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 21st day of October 2014.

Craig Cates
Mayor