



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking, describing modern day slavery, exists in every country in the world, including the United States of which Florida is one of the leading states of; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States are committed to protecting individual freedom, and Congress has before made it a national imperative to eliminate human trafficking

WHEREAS, traditionally, the President of the United States as well as the Governor of Florida has declared the entire month of January as a month of Trafficking Awareness; and

WHEREAS, It is the mission of Keys Coalition, Inc. to raise awareness within the Keys and Key West of the problem of human trafficking and particularly the domestic sex trafficking of minors, and by raising awareness preventing such trafficking in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, Keys Coalition is sponsoring an educational rally on February 1, 2015, at Fifth Street Baptist Church, at 4pm , which will feature the anti-trafficking film "In Plain Sight" ; and

WHEREAS, February 1, 2015 is a fitting day for this awareness rally being the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date that President Lincoln signed the congressional resolution that became the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment which freed the nineteenth century slaves; and February 1 was, proclaimed an observance day (called Freedom Day) by Harry S. Truman;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
January of 2015 as

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

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, to learn about modern day slavery and to attend the Freedom Day rally on February 1, 2015

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR