## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of March is Transportation Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West committed to reducing its greenhouse gas reductions by 15% by 2016 by the involving residents, businesses and policy makers; and

WHEREAS, 28.2% of our community carbon emissions are from transportation and 49% of our residents go to work in single occupancy vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West has the second highest bike commuting in the nation and has signed up for the Mayors Challenge for Safer People, Safer Streets; and

WHEREAS, today is FREE Bus Day for all Key West Department of Transportation buses; and

 WHEREAS, 42% of tourists seek a green vacation experience and identify green transportation options such as walking, biking and public transit as the number one sign of a green destination according to the Monroe County Tourist Development Council; and

WHEREAS, the Green Leadership Council, consisting of the 15 largest employers in the City of Key West are challenging each other and other businesses to a Green Commute Challenge from March  $23^{rd} - 29$ th; and

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

## **TRANSPORTATION 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. WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2015.

Craig Cates, Mayor