



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the youth of Key West are our most precious resource and hope for the future, all children deserve a safe, loving and nurturing place to call home; and

WHEREAS, the people of Key West are known for their compassion and have a long-standing tradition of opening their hearts and homes to children in need of a stable and caring atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, foster families are unsung heroes that serve as the primary source of love, protection, and support to the abused and neglected children of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 100 children and youth in the foster care system in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work tirelessly to increase public awareness of the needs of children in foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and recognize that the foster care system is only as good as those who choose to be a part of it.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
the month of May, 2016 as

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE 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, and join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of Foster Care.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 3rd day of May, 2016.

Craig Cates, MAYOR