



WHEREAS, home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to those in need, especially at time of community or personal health care crisis; and

WHEREAS, home care is the most preferred method of health care delivery among disabled, elderly, and chronically ill individuals eager to live independently in their own home as long as they possibly can, and

WHEREAS, the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Florida Keys offers the highest quality of care to patients and families in Key West and the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys brings comfort, love and respect to all those they serve in our local community; and

WHEREAS, the VNA/Hospice team consists of hospice and home care professionals- including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, and chaplains-providing comprehensive and compassionate care that make the wishes of each patient and family a priority; and

WHEREAS, trained volunteers generously contribute their time and talents to VNA/Hospice; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated home care and hospice professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for our communities' disabled, infirm and aging population; and

WHEREAS, the provision of quality home health, hospice and palliative care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person regardless of age, health, spiritual belief, sexual orientation or social status; and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care as a member of our One Human Family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor in the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
November, 2013 as

## **National Hospice and Home Health Care Month**

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States and encourages all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones and the healthcare professionals.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR