



WHEREAS, the month of October is National Energy Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West committed to reducing our community greenhouse gas reductions by 15% by 2016 and adopted a Climate Action Plan to reach those reduction goals by involving residents, businesses and policy makers; and

WHEREAS, the City greenhouse gas emissions inventory showed that 62% of our greenhouse gas comes from electricity; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that behavioral changes in energy use can drop electricity bills by as much as 20%; and low cost technologies can drop rates an additional 20%; and

WHEREAS, the City has already begun efficiency projects by tracking energy bills (Utility Tracking Project) and upgrading lighting at the Caroline Parking Garage (Key West DOT); and

WHEREAS, City partners have also begun efficiency projects by installing 44kW solar photovoltaic panels, offering free home energy audits and rebates (Keys Energy Services) and piloting the first LED street lights (Lighting Task Force of the Pedestrian Action Committee); and

WHEREAS, to help our residents, visitors, businesses, agencies and organizations be sustainable by reducing their carbon footprint and saving money on monthly energy bills, the City of Key West, Florida invite everyone to participate in **National Energy Awareness Month.**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Mayor Craig Cates and Commissioner Jimmy Weekley**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of The City of Key West, do hereby proclaim the month of
October 2012 as

National Energy Awareness Month

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" we call upon the people of The City of Key West to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2nd day of October, 2012.

Jimmy Weekley, Commissioner

Craig Cates, MAYOR