



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to those in need, especially at times 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 homes as long as they possibly can; and
- WHEREAS, home care services allows families to stay together, and provide for greater health, dignity and comfort in our communities; and
- WHEREAS, home care in the United States is a growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to over 1.5 million of Americans each day; and
- WHEREAS, thousands of everyday heroes such as home care nurses, therapists and aides work tirelessly to provide professional health and palliative care and support to millions of Americans in need of quality health services; and
- WHEREAS, these dedicated home care professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for our nation's disabled, infirm and aging population; and
- WHEREAS, Island Home Care and thousands of home care agencies across the United States have declared the month of November 2014 as National Home Care Month and are calling on all Americans to observe these occasions with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
November 2014 as

National Home Care Month

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". We would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City in learning more about the home care and hospice concepts of care for the elderly, disabled, and infirm.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of November 2014.

Craig Cates
Mayor