

WHEREAS, it has been said that it takes an entire village to raise a healthy child; and

WHEREAS, unintentional childhood injury is therefore a community health problem that each of us must face; and

of us must race; and

WHEREAS, Childhood injuries are the Number One killer of young children in the county; and

WHEREAS, every year in the United States hundreds of children are injured or killed

after being left unattended in automobiles; and

WHEREAS, in the Southernmost City this problem is magnified by our tropical climate;

and

WHEREAS, each of these injuries and deaths are fully preventable; and

WHEREAS, it is time for our City to take responsibility by spreading the word about the

dangers of leaving children unattended in cars.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as

## CHILDHOOD INJURY PREVENTION 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 spread the word about the dangers of leaving children unattended in automobiles. I also encourage parents, caregivers, healthcare providers and businesses in this state to become partners in the safety of children by promoting the use of safety devices designed to prevent the needless deaths of children left unattended in automobiles.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7th day of September 2010.

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Craig Cates, MAYO