



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Child Sexual Abuse is a horrendous crime that plagues the children of our community; and

WHEREAS, many children fail to report sexual abuse out of fear and embarrassment which allows the offenders to continue to victimize children; and

WHEREAS, Child Sexual Abuse is often not spoken of as its victim and their Guardians are unaware of what assistance is available to them; and

WHEREAS, Christina was a local child victim of Sexual Abuse who had the courage to confront her abuser; and

WHEREAS, Christina's Courage, A Center for Intervention, Advocacy, and Justice was formed by concerned members of this community to assist victims of sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, the best way to combat Child Sexual Abuse is to bring awareness of this horrendous crime to all members of our community so each of us can stand as a shield to protect the innocent children of Monroe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
March, 2011 as

Child Sexual Abuse Awareness 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 15th day of March 2011.

Craig Cates, MAYOR