



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June 27th of every year is recognized as National HIV Testing Day and was established in 1995 to increase testing around the nation so that more Americans will know their status, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of People with AIDS' Mayor's Campaign Against HIV urges mayors across the country to lend their support and raise visibility around the "TAKE THE TEST, TAKE CONTROL" message by issuing proclamations declaring June 27, National HIV Testing Day in their respective Cities, and

WHEREAS, the Florida/Caribbean AIDS Education and Training Center, NAPWA, the CDC, Balm In Gilead's "Our Faith Light's The Way" campaign, Florida Department of Health/Monroe County Health Department, AIDS Help Incorporated, Womankind, Guidance Care Center, the City of Key West and several of our local churches are partnering to provide free and low-cost counseling and testing services leading up to the annual National HIV Testing Day on June 27, and

WHEREAS, we believe that "the end of AIDS is in sight," and we can show our support and commitment to stopping the spread of HIV in our community by encouraging everyone to "take the test, take control".

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of Key West and Clayton Lopez, City Commissioner in the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
June 27, 2012 as

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to show strong support for this worthy effort to continue educating our population on issues surrounding their health.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 19^h day of June 2012.

Craig Cates, MAYOR

Clayton Lopez, CITY COMMISSIONER