



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health joins minority health advocates statewide to recognize the month of April as Minority Health Month, and

WHEREAS, this year's theme – "Advance Health Equity Now: Uniting Our Communities To Improve Health Outcomes" – is a call to action and unity for the state and local offices of minority health, county health departments and organizations and partners involved and invested in reducing health disparities, and

WHEREAS, we are a state of communities dependent on one another, and no place is this more true than Key West and the Florida Keys, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce health disparities and improve the health status of minority populations, the 107th Congress, in House Congressional Resolution No. 388, agreed on October 3, 2002, to establish a National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month, aimed at raising awareness of health disparities that exist in minority populations, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health's Office of Minority Health, in conjunction with other Department of Health divisions, programs and county health departments, has planned a month-long series of activities that will focus on the advancement of health equity, and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Health Department first established a minority health initiative which partnered with the City of Key West with its Minority Health Project in 1993, now therefore be it proclaimed that the month of April be known as Minority Health Month in the City of Key West, County of Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
April, 2013 as

Minority Health 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 2nd day of April 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR