



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys wish to raise public awareness about the community-based home health and hospice care services their organization brings to the City of Key West and all of Monroe County; and
- WHEREAS, Hospice of the Florida Keys was founded in 1984 to serve those in our community with life limiting illnesses and has fulfilled that mission without interruption since that date; and
- WHEREAS, in 1988 Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of the Florida Keys was founded to provide home health care for people facing personal health crisis in Monroe County; and
- WHEREAS, the mission of these non-profit agencies is to provide hospice and skilled home health care to all who need it, regardless of economic status; and
- WHEREAS, hospice physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers, nursing assistants, clergy, and volunteers bring care and support to the terminally ill through physical, psychological, social and spiritual aid; and
- WHEREAS, home care is a cost effective system of enabling people to maintain comfort, dignity and the companionship of family and friends, and heal in their own homes here in the Keys; and
- WHEREAS, for the past 29 years Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys has staged an important and traditional community celebration on Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, to raise funds in support of the VNA/Hospice mission of quality health care for all Key West and Monroe County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
June 30 – July 6, 2013

### *VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS AWARENESS WEEK*

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to promote the continued presence of these valued agencies by volunteering, contributing, or simply enjoying with their families the annual July Fourth Celebration going on this year at the Casa Marina Resort – The Waldorf Astoria Resort.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR