



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the waters of the Florida Keys support the only living barrier coral reef in the continental U.S. and the health of this ecosystem depends upon water of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, the tourist and fishing based economy of the Florida Keys depends upon a healthy marine ecosystem with clean, clear water and safe swimming beaches; and

WHEREAS, water quality directly impacts the quality of life for everyone in the City of Key West and an increased awareness of this issue will lead to improved water quality; and

WHEREAS, our entire community has the responsibility to minimize impacts to coastal waters from land-based sources of pollution and activities on and in the water; and

WHEREAS, the City's Comprehensive Plan states that all Marinas in City limits have to become Clean Marina certified by 2015 and all Boatyards by 2020; and

WHEREAS Conch Harbor Marina is the first privately owned marina in City limits to become Clean Marina certified

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
February, 2014 as

WATER QUALITY 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 19th day of February 2014.

Craig Cates, MAYOR