



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of April is Water Conservation month; and

WHEREAS, our water is very energy intensive because it is delivered from 120 miles away; and

WHEREAS, our drinking water is of limited supply because we have already reached the upper limit of what we are allowed to draw from our aquifer; and

WHEREAS, according to our Water Supply Plan we will have to make use of the Reverse Osmosis Plant regularly by 2016 if we do not reduce our increasing water use; and

WHEREAS, individuals like Fran Wagner have changed state law by inventing a way to convert septic tanks into cisterns; and

WHEREAS, partners like the Monroe County Extension Service and GLEE have held rain barrel workshops for hundreds of residents; and

WHEREAS, planners from across all of our Keys municipalities will be working together to craft new water conservation ordinances on April 15th

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

Water Conservation 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