

WHEREAS, good health doesn't happen by chance; and

WHEREAS, good public health is shaped and nurtured and connected to the environments in which we live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, communities from coast to coast have observed National Public Health Week every April, celebrating the work of public health and coming together in support of better health for all; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week is an opportunity for each of us to take small, easy steps to protect our health, and increase awareness of making healthy choices; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health in Monroe County works each day to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts; and

WHEREAS, each community has a variety of tools, knowledge and resources to make a difference in the lives of Floridians and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week is a celebration of our communities working together to ensure healthy people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim April 1 through April 7, 2013 as

National Public Health 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 participate fittingly in the observation in our community, highlighting our return on investment in public health to save lives and save money.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2nd day of April 2013.