



WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for every resident of the City of Key West, Florida to prepare their homes, business, and communities for any type of emergency including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our nations; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Ready* Campaign, Citizen Corps, and other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of the City of Key West, Florida and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of the City of Key West, Florida are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and ask to visit the websites of the *Ready* campaign at Ready.gov or Listo.gov (in Spanish) and become more prepared.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor and Clayton Lopez, District 6 City Commissioner of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
September 2013 as

National Preparedness Month

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all citizens and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan and work together toward creating a more prepared society.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of September 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR

Clayton Lopez
District 6 CITY COMMISSIONER