



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Children's Movement of Florida is a citizen-led, non-partisan movement to educate political, business and civic leaders – and all parents of the state about the urgent need to significantly improve upon the inadequate manner in which Florida treats its children; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Movement of Florida's goal is to encourage the people and leaders of Florida to make the well-being and education of our children the state's highest priority, especially when it comes to the investment of public resources in programs that make a real difference in the lives and futures of children; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 children in Key West, Florida are not covered by health insurance; and

WHEREAS, 90% of human brain development occurs by age five; Florida's pre-kindergarten program does not meet national standards; and

WHEREAS, early screening and treatment programs for children with special needs are poorly coordinated, difficult to access and of inconsistent quality; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Movement of Florida is committed to strengthening mentoring for young children and parent's skill programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 as

## Children's Movement of Florida 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 attend the Children's Movement of Florida "Milk Party" Rally on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Key West High School.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2010.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR