



WHEREAS, the City of Key West is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Key West; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half and, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and

WHEREAS, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, Key West's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Key West's residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, The Key West Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

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

## *Fire Prevention Month*

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States", I would like to urge all citizens of Key West to test their smoke alarms at least every month by pushing the test button, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of The Key West Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week 2014.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR