



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as a City, we rely on law enforcement officers to keep our neighborhoods safe, enforce our laws, and respond in times of crisis. These men and women sustain peace and order in our community. They routinely put their lives on the line to defend ours, and the price of that bravery may result in injury, disability, or death and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices made by the Key West Police Department, and that the members of the Key West Police Department recognize their duty to serve the people of this City by safeguarding life and property, and by protecting them against violence and disorder; This week, we honor their extraordinary service and sacrifice, and we remember the fallen heroes whose selfless acts have left behind safer streets and stronger communities

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates., Mayor of the City of Key West, by virtue of the approval of the Key West City Commission, do hereby proclaim

May 18, 2012 as

Peace Officers Memorial Day

and

May 14, 2012, as

Key West Police Week

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all residents of the City of Key West to support our law enforcement officers, to strengthen the ties between the police and the community, and to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to these dedicated men and women.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 15th day of May 2012.

Craig Cates, MAYOR