



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, people in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, 2.6 million people received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and more than 31.3 million adults aged 18 or older received services for mental health problems, according to the *2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

**WHEREAS**, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and The City of Key West, Florida invites all residents of The City of Key West to participate in **National Recovery Month (Recovery Month)**; and

**WHEREAS**, for almost thirty years the Anchors Aweigh Club on Virginia Street has provided the resources and the means for countless numbers of Key West residents and visitors to participate in a recovery program;

**WHEREAS**, on average 260 residents of and visitors to Key West attend meetings every day at the Anchors Aweigh Club. The City of Key West is grateful to the Anchors Aweigh Club for providing the facility to the residents and visitors of Key West where they can participate in recovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Craig Cates and Commissioner Jimmy Weekley**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of The City of Key West, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2012 as

# National Recovery Month

In Key West, Florida and call upon the people of The City of Key West to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's theme, "**Join the Voices for Recovery: It's Worth It.**" 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

Jimmy Weekley, Commissioner

Craig Cates, Mayor