PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for the past several years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Key West for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many dedicated and effective organizations, including dozens of not-for-profit and public agency members of the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care that are committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2013 is "Resolve to Fight Poverty"; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Key West and the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West and Jimmy Weekley, District 1 City Commissioner, do hereby proclaim
November 16th - 24th, 2013 as

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". We would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to recognize that many people do not have adequate food and housing and need support from citizens, and private/public agencies and nonprofit organizations.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of November 2013.

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Jimmy Weekley, D1 Commissioner

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Craig Cates, MAYOR