



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition (FKOC) in collaboration with the Southernmost Homeless Assistance League (SHAL) and the National Coalition for the Homeless, will commemorate “National Homeless Persons Memorial Day”; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the event is to remember the many thousands of homeless people who have died on our nation’s streets or shelters as a result of hypothermia, poverty, accidents, murder, AIDS, TB, etc.; and

WHEREAS, homeless people have died at the hands of assailants who found them to be easy targets; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition will coordinate a prayer service and inter the remains of homeless individuals who have died in Monroe County over the past year in the FKOC vault at the Key West Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Key West and Monroe County homeless advocates and service providers are once again remembering the gifts of those homeless persons who are no longer with us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West and Jimmy Weekley, District 1 City Commissioner, do hereby proclaim  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 as

### **NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL DAY**

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States”. We would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to pause for a moment on the longest night of the year to remember all homeless persons who have died and encourage one another to nurture our hopes and understanding of the issues surrounding homelessness.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2011.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR

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Jimmy Weekley, D1 City Commissioner