



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June 27th of every year is recognized as National HIV Testing Day and was established in 1995 to increase testing around the nation so that more Americans will know their status, and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has said “All of us have a responsibility to ourselves and those around us to know our status and reduce our risk. So, on this National HIV Testing Day, and every day, I encourage to join the fight against HIV and AIDS and get tested”, and

WHEREAS, nearly 1.2 million people in the U. S. are living with HIV, but one in five do not know they are positive, and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends all Americans between the ages of 13-64 get tested for HIV as part of routine health care, and

WHEREAS, National HIV testing Day is an annual campaign to encourage people of all ages to “TAKE the TEST, TAKE CONTROL”, and

WHEREAS, getting tested is the first step to finding out if you have HIV, getting medical care if infected, and

WHEREAS, knowing one’s status can help you live longer and lower the chances of spreading HIV to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of Key West and Clayton Lopez, City Commissioner in the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
June 27, 2013 as

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States”. I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to show strong support for this worthy effort to continue educating our population on issues surrounding their health.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 18^h day of June 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR

Clayton Lopez, CITY COMMISSIONER