



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, "Discover America's Hidden Gems" is the theme for National Historic Preservation Month 2012, cosponsored by The City of Key West and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
May, 2012 as

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

in the "Southernmost City in the Continental United States". I will like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 1st day of May, 2012

Craig Cates, MAYOR