



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, One Human Family is the official philosophy of the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, The People of Key West honor the cultural arts in their infinite diversity of forms; and

WHEREAS, The Island of Key West's character is enriched by its abundance of Latin American culture and history; and

WHEREAS, José Hernández was one of Argentina's most important poets, whose work highlighted the tragedies and triumphs of the ordinary people of his day; and

WHEREAS, Argentina and many other countries of Latin America recognize the poet's legacy with a great gaucho festival on the anniversary of his birth, November 10, 1834 – el Día de la Tradición (the Day of Tradition); and

WHEREAS, The Key West International Latin Arts Festival takes place annually on the second weekend of November; and

WHEREAS, The Key West International Latin Arts Festival embraces the philosophy of One Human Family and celebrates the traditions, culture and arts of all of Latin America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
November 10th as

Día de la Tradición

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 6th day of November 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR