



WHEREAS, National Interfaith Supporters and Civic leaders from coast to coast will mobilize thousands of followers as churches, mosques, synagogues, temples of diverse cultures and backgrounds will come together in prayer, education, advocacy and service for the healing of HIV/AIDS in the United States during the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 theme is "The End of The AIDS Epidemic is in sight with Prayer, Education, Testing and Treatment"; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama, has stated that "this devastating epidemic does not discriminate, and people of any gender, age, ethnicity, income, or sexual orientation can and are contracting the disease. In the spirit of common humanity, organizations like the Balm In Gilead, Inc. aspire to improve the lives of those living with HIV/AIDS and help spread resources, awareness, and hope to communities around the world,"; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton in a recent speech boldly stated and shared the vision that "an AIDS-free generation is within reach; and

WHEREAS, The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is the coming together of all people of faith to unite with purpose, compassion, and hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
March 1 through March 11, 2012 as

National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS in the City of Key West

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" we further encourage and support HIV testing; advocate for the availability of compassionate care and treatment for all those living with the disease in our city and in every community in America.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of March 2012.

Craig Cates, MAYOR