



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross in Key West was chartered in 1917, by a group of Key West leaders; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1943 the President of the United States, and other government officials throughout the country, proclaim March as Red Cross Month; and

WHEREAS, from single-family fires to earthquakes such as in Haiti, never have so many of our neighbors, here and around the world, needed the Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, all of us should be encouraged to support the Red Cross by becoming trained to save lives, volunteering, or donating to this important community organization;

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

RED CROSS MONTH

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 5th day of March 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR