



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking, the word to describe modern day slavery, exists in every country in the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States are committed to protecting individual freedom, and Congress made it a national imperative to eliminate human trafficking, wherever it exists; and in support of that imperative, Congress has declared every January 11th since 2008 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Monroe County has declared January 11, 2012 as Human Trafficking Awareness in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force issued a report in June 2011 in which it emphasized that “increased efforts to educate the public (about human trafficking) are essential to plans combat human trafficking in Florida”; and

WHEREAS, Keys Coalition, Inc. is a broad-based coalition whose mission is to raise awareness within the Keys and Key West of the problem of human trafficking and particularly the domestic sex trafficking of minors, and by raising awareness preventing such trafficking in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, in order to raise that awareness Keys Coalition is sponsoring an educational rally at the Key West High School on Saturday, January 14, 2012 called ‘OUR KIDS ARE NOT FOR SALE’.

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

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS 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 educate themselves about human trafficking and to support all efforts to raise awareness of and opposition to human trafficking particularly of minors and I encourage all to attend the “Our Children Are Not for Sale” rally on Saturday, January 14th.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 3rd of January 2012.

Craig Cates, MAYOR