



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, quality, affordable and accessible patient-centered health care, provided by skilled practitioners, contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of Key West, Fl; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants (PAs) are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping patients understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for themselves; and

WHEREAS, PAs are academically and clinically prepared to provide health care services, including diagnosis and treatment of disease, assist in surgery and prescribe medications with the direction of a supervising physician; and

WHEREAS, a valuable asset to the medical community, PAs work side-by-side with physicians to enhance the delivery of high-quality health care for patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, PAs have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to people's lives and by working together with the health care team to ensure delivery of more efficient and effective health care services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6th through 13th, 2010 as

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to recognize PAs for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in health care as a critical part of the health care team.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of October, 2010.

Craig Cates, MAYOR