



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, human trafficking, describing modern day slavery, exists in every country in the world, including the United States of which Florida is one of the leading states of; and
- WHEREAS, the people of the United States are committed to protecting individual freedom, and Congress has before made it a national imperative to eliminate human trafficking
- WHEREAS, traditionally, the President of the United States as well as the Governor of Florida has declared the entire month of January as a month of Trafficking Awareness; and
- WHEREAS, It is the mission of Keys Coalition, Inc. 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, Keys Coalition is sponsoring an educational rally on January 31, 2016, at Impact Community Church, at 2pm , which will feature the anti-trafficking film “In Plain Sight” ; and
- WHEREAS, January 31, 2016 is a fitting day for this awareness rally being the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date that President Lincoln signed the congressional resolution that became the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment which freed the nineteenth century slaves; and February 1 was, proclaimed an observance day (called Freedom Day) by Harry S. Truman;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
January of 2016 as

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS 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, to learn about modern day slavery and to attend the Freedom Day rally on January 31, 2016

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR