



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, December 21st has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and is so recognized by communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care, the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, and Monroe County Social Services will commemorate "*National Homeless Persons Memorial Day*"; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the holiday season of goodwill toward all provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding our commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in this season of peace and goodwill, the citizens of Key West are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all members of our One Human Family, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, on Friday December 19th at 3:00pm, the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition will coordinate a memorial service and inter the cremains of homeless individuals who have died in Key West and Monroe County over the past year in the FKOC vault at the historic Key West Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, by remembering those who have died on the streets the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent; as is the community's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West and Jimmy Weekley, District 1 City Commissioner, do hereby proclaim
December 21st, 2014 as

NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". We would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to pause for a moment on the longest night of the year to remember homeless persons who have died and to support all local efforts to address the underlying causes and complex issues surrounding homelessness.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2nd day of December 2014.

Jimmy Weekley, D1 Commissioner

Craig Cates, MAYOR