



WHEREAS, The 16th Annual Children's Week celebrating Parents' and Children will take place in Tallahassee from April 3, 2011 to April 9, 2011, bringing thousands of parents, children, professionals, policy makers, community leaders and concerned citizens together to share valuable knowledge and information about children's issues across the state and in our capital city; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of Children's Week is to create a shared vision of the State of Florida's commitment to its children and families and to engage a long-term process to develop and implement strategies for moving the shared vision forward; and

WHEREAS, Children's Week has teamed up with more than 90 leading statewide business and non-profit organizations and hundreds of local organizations to expand the network of community involvement and education on a wide array of children and family issues at the local level and conduct events and activities in March and April in all 67 counties focused on improving the health, safety and well-being of Florida's children and families; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in partnership with the Ounce of Prevention Fund and the Florida Department of Children and Families, is conducting a statewide public awareness and education campaign *Pinwheels for Prevention* and is symbolized by the pinwheel, and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of local municipalities have officially proclaimed "Children's Day" and hosted hundreds of public events and activities for parents and children in their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
April 3rd through April 9th, 2010 as

Children's Day in Key West

and April 3rd, 2011 as

Parent and Children's Day in Monroe County

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. Originally established as "Children's Day" in 1988, the 2002 Florida Legislature renamed this official, statewide Florida holiday as "Parents and Children's Day" to more fully reflect support of the most important institution in Florida--*the family*.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of April 2011.

Craig Cates, MAYOR