



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by Citizen soldiers; millions of who have answered the call to arms and have died on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, a nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and

WHEREAS, the red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary #168 will distribute veteran-made, hand-crafted Memorial poppies in exchange for a free will contribution in shopping and other areas around town to honor America's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim May 28th through June 4th, 2012 as

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POPPY 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 pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy during this week.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 1st day of May 2012.

Craig Cates, MAYOR