



WHEREAS, the concept that all persons are entitled to equal protection of the law is derived from the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution passed after the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 is known as the Federal Fair Housing Act, which made it clear once and for all that discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin is against the law; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 the US Congress also prohibited discrimination based on sex; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 the us Congress amended the law to prohibit discrimination against handicapped persons and families with children as well as protection to victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West through its housing and community development programs administered by the Key West Housing Authority with the support of the Key West Association of Realtors, civil rights groups and community development organizations supports Title VIII and the principles it embodies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
April, 2017 as

FAIR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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 encourage the continued cooperation with community fair housing and civil rights groups throughout the Florida Keys.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this ____ day of April, 2017.

MAYOR