

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed on July 26, 1990 to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West recognizes and affirms the principals of equality and inclusion for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations in Key West, Monroe County and the State of Florida work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, on this 22nd Anniversary of the passage of the ADA, we want to thank our customers and constituents with disabilities, and express our appreciation for their support; and

WHEREAS, on the special occasion we also want to thank United States service members with disabilities for their patriotism and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, July 26, 2012 celebrates the 22nd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act with numerous proclamations throughout Monroe County, the State of Florida, and the entire country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2012 as

Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day

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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17thday of July 2012.

Craig Cates, MAYOR