



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the City of Key West is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our island; and
- WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires; and
- WHEREAS, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths result from home fires in which no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms were present; and
- WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a reported fire in half and
- WHEREAS, as the National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) outside all sleeping areas, and all bedrooms; and
- WHEREAS informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves an essential step towards increasing the public's safety from home fires; and
- WHEREAS Florida's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and
- WHEREAS Florida's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS the Fire Prevention Week 2010, October 3rd through 9th theme, "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" actively works to motivate Florida residents to implement smoke alarms recommendations in their homes.

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

Fire Prevention Week in Key West

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all the citizens of Key West to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2010, and to support the many activities and efforts of Florida's Fire and Emergency Services

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of October 2010.

Craig Cates, MAYOR