



WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born the namesake son of a Baptist minister in Atlanta Georgia on January 21, 1929 and spent his life fighting for civil rights for ALL people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King ultimately was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for Peace in 1964 for his work in the civil rights here in the United States of America and human rights around the world; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis Tennessee on April 4, 1969 because of his dedication to this cause; and

WHEREAS, by Congressional order, Dr. King's birthday is celebrated throughout the United States as a National holiday, designated to be the third Monday in January of each year; and

WHEREAS, on January 20th, 2010, this nation and the world witnessed the truest realization of Dr. King's dream 23 years after the first celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on January 20, 1986, in the inauguration of Barack Hussein Obama, the first African American President in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, this year's celebration of Reverend King's birthday falls again on Presidential inauguration day... the second inauguration of President Obama, and three weeks after the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation declared by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, some states still refuse to name this day's celebration after Dr. King, emulating the dream, President Barack Obama has called on all Americans to participate in our nation's recovery and renewal by volunteering and serving in and for our communities, this in accordance with Dr. King's dream.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of Key West and Clayton Lopez, City Commissioner in the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim January 21st, 2013 as

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States, where One Human Family is our mantra and is coincident with the teachings of Dr. King. We would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to join together in a memorial celebration of the life of this great man by rededicating ourselves to his principles of equality and justice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 8th day of January 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR

Clayton Lopez, CITY COMMISSIONER