



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Friday, November 11, 2016 is Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars conducted the First Buddy Poppy distribution on Memorial Day 1922. Since then the Buddy Poppy had been an integral part of the VFW community. As the Veterans of Foreign Wars official memorial flower, the Poppy represents the blood shed by America service members. It reiterates that the Veterans of Foreign Wars will never forget their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy Veterans in VA Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, All proceeds from Buddy Poppy sales are donated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Relief Fund which assists needy and disabled Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West do hereby proclaim
November 7 - 11, 2016 as

Veterans of Foreign Wars “Buddy Poppy Days”

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 1st of November 2016.

Craig Cates
Mayor