

WHEREAS, the month of March is Transportation month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West committed to reducing its greenhouse gas reductions by 15% by 2016 by involving residents, businesses and policy makers; and

WHEREAS, 28.2% of our community carbon emissions are from transportation and 49% of our residents go to work in single occupancy vehicles; and

WHEREAS, 42% of tourists seek a green vacation experience and identify green transportation options such as walking, biking and public transit as the number one sign of a green destination according to the Monroe County Tourist Development Council; and

WHEREAS, proactive pedestrians like Joan Langley from the Pedestrian Action Committee have worked tirelessly to increase pedestrian mobility and safety; and

WHEREAS proactive bicyclists like Clinton Curry, non-profits like the Key West Bicycle Association and bicycle shop owners like Evan Haskell at We-Cycle have worked to increase public awareness, safety and ridership through bike riding events; and

WHEREAS, public transit riders like Linda Paradise and Yul Knighen make bus travel part of their daily lives and also promote public ridership by regularly assisting new riders with necessary information; and

WHEREAS, government leadership like the Monroe County Health Department has teamed up with the City to promote the health benefits of walking and biking and community gardening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim March, 2013 as

Transportation 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 participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 19th day of March 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR