



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, God created all mankind to be in perfect harmony with one another; and
- WHEREAS, the community needs to be made aware of the destruction of humanity through domestic violence and abuse; and
- WHEREAS, domestic violence, a serious problem that violates the fundamental rights of human being and often results in serious injury or death needs to be addressed; and
- WHEREAS, more than 113,378 violent crimes were committed in the State of Florida, nearly 1000 occurring in Monroe County in 2010; and
- WHEREAS, the blame, shame and fear of domestic abuse that prevents us from uniting as family and community must be abolished; and
- WHEREAS, no one is immune from abuse occurring at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and all levels of education; and
- WHEREAS, the negative effects and tragic statistics of abuse can be averted by diligent education and promotion of community awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
August 13, 2011 as

ABUSE PREVENTION EMPHASIS 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 2nd day of August, 2011

Craig Cates, MAYOR