



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America draws its strength from the extraordinary diversity of its people. Our character is enhanced and enriched by the traditions and customs brought here from other lands and

WHEREAS, Hispanics were the earliest European settlers to arrive in our nation, founding cities in Florida in the 1500's; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month give us the opportunity to come together and learn about the rich traditions and cultural diversity of Latin America; and

WHEREAS, this year, the National theme for Hispanic Heritage Month is "Hispanics: Serving and Leading our Nation with Pride and Honor;" and

WHEREAS, today's, Latino's know the value of hard work and perseverance, cherish freedom and recognize their obligations to family and community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Key West remains committed to ensuring that all Hispanics and their families enjoy the freedom, peace and prosperity they were seeking when they came to this County; and

WHEREAS, Key West's legacy is intertwined with Hispanic Heritage, primarily from Cuban influence, which we hereby encourage as a foundation to rebuild he cultural and historical bridge between our two islands separated by a mere ninety nautical miles.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor and Tony (Fat) Yaniz District 4 City Commissioner of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
September 14th thru October 14th 2013 as

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE 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 celebrate the value of our diversity and the rich cultural that makes our nation so extraordinary.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17th day of September 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR

Tony (Fat) Yaniz, District 4
City Commissioner