

WHEREAS, for the past several years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Monroe County for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations in the Southernmost Homeless Assistance League who are committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2010 is "Bringing America Home," and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of the Southernmost Homeless Assistance League

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim November  $14^{th}$  -  $20^{th}$ , 2010 as

## National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to recognize that many people do not have housing or adequate food and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 16th day of November 2010.

Craig Cates, MAYOR