



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Key West Business Guild, an association of business' and individuals, has been promoting Key West as a LGBT travel destination, since 1978; and

WHEREAS, The City of Key West has been a leader of LGBT rights and protections for our nation by creating laws that have been duplicated across America over the past years; and

WHEREAS, The people of Key West embrace and celebrate diversity of the One Human Family each and every day; and

WHEREAS, Key West has made history by electing the first openly gay Mayor and presented the world with the Sea to Sea Rainbow Flag; and

WHEREAS, City of Key West Elected Officials, Business Owners, Organizations and Individuals work together to brighten the rainbow over our island; and

WHEREAS, Key West has recognized same-sex couples for decades, we celebrated the 1st Key West Same-Sex marriage on January 6th, 2015 at 12:01am; and

WHEREAS, Key West Pride 2015 will serve as a reminder to all of the ongoing struggle for social, political and personal equality for the LGBT community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, State of Florida, do hereby proclaim June 10th -14th, 2015 as

Key West Pride

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 May 2015.

Craig Cates, MAYOR