



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS it is in the best interests of our island City to establish a positive, dynamic and strong relationship with Cuba, our closest neighbor to the South; and
- WHEREAS the islands of Cuba and Key West have a long and storied history which has endured generations with a bright and promising future ahead; and
- WHEREAS while legislative and diplomatic relations between the nation of Cuba and the United States are generally under the purview of the Federal government, there are occasions for which it is appropriate for a designee of the Mayor of the City of Key West to occupy a ceremonial position and participate in Key West-Cuba exchanges; and
- WHEREAS Key West is best positioned both geographically and historically to lead renewed relations with our island neighbor in the spirit of goodwill and cooperation for the benefit of all citizens and nations; and
- WHEREAS Mayor Craig Cates and Robert D. Harvey have had several opportunities both individually and collectively to meet with representatives of the people and government of Cuba; and
- WHEREAS the Mayor requires a trusted, balanced and even-tempered diplomat to help him serve the City of Key West in relations with Cuba; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mayor Craig Cates, hereby officially recognize and designate

ROBERT D. HARVEY AMBASSADOR TO CUBA

I urge all citizens, residents and visitors in "Southernmost City of the Continental United States", as well as governments around the world, to recognize Mr. Harvey as the official ambassador and designee of the Mayor of the City of Key West to Cuba.

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR