



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Haitians and the culture of Haitian People have become an integral component of the fabric, make-up, and diversity of Key West; and

WHEREAS, our Island benefits greatly from the variety of contributions of our Haitian friends, families, neighbors, congregation members, co-workers, artists, musicians, cooks, laborers, nurses, doctors, civil servants and more; and

WHEREAS, the Haitian People of Key West have embraced and do embody our One Human Family Philosophy; and

WHEREAS, all of Key West shares in the joy and reward of the success of the many Haitian People who decide to make Key West their home; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized far and wide that May 18<sup>th</sup> is Haitian Flag Day, a day for celebrating the creation of Haiti's blue and red flag, under which the People of Haiti won their independence from France in 1804; and

WHEREAS, people around the world recognize Haitian Flag Day as a day of pride, celebration of liberty, and human accomplishment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
May 18<sup>th</sup> as

## Key West Haitian Flag Day

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" .

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR