



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United States in 2011, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 370,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 156,000 annually between 2007 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen; and

WHEREAS, unattended equipment was a factor in one-third of the reported cooking fires; and

WHEREAS, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Florida's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
October 6<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as

### *Fire Prevention Week*

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States", I would like to urge all citizens of Key West to protect their homes and families by checking their kitchens for fire hazards and using safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2013, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Florida's fire and emergency services.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2013.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR