

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 continues to work to brighten the rainbow over the island each and every day.

WHEREAS, Key West made history by electing the first openly gay Mayor and presented the world with the Sea to Sea Rainbow Flag and has always been a leader of LGBT rights and protections for our nation.

WHEREAS, Key West has been a destination for LGBT visitors because of the One Human Family commitment made by the community, that no matter your race, sexual orientation, or gender identity, we all can stand together as one.

WHEREAS, Key West Pride 2017 will serve as a reminder to all of the ongoing struggle for social, political and personal equality for the LGBT community across our nation and through - out the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
June 7-11 as

Key West Pride 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 participate fittingly in the observation

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of June 2017

Craig Cates, Mayor