



## PROCLAMATION


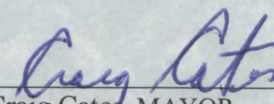
- WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and
- WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; and
- WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court cost, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and
- WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and
- WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim  
October, 2010 as

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

In the "City of Key West of the Continental United States", I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our City to work toward improving victim safety, holding perpetrators accountable, and supporting those who are working towards its end.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 15th day of September, 2010

  
  
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Craig Cates, MAYOR