



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** the City of Key West takes pride in joining Americans throughout the country in recognizing February 2023 as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Black History Month is a time to reflect on the many contributions made by African Americans to the country and to Key West's economic, artistic, cultural, spiritual, educational, and political development; and

**WHEREAS,** Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2023 national theme for the observance is "Black Resistance" and explores how "African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms and police killings," since the nation's earliest days; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Key West continues to work toward becoming a community that embodies the "One Human Family" philosophy where all citizens-past, present, and future are respected and treated equally;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 as

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States. We encourage all citizens to celebrate and learn about our diverse heritage and culture. We work to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023

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Teri Johnston, Mayor

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Clayton Lopez, Commissioner