



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1953, the first commercial glass bottom boat in Key West, the "Fireball", was put into operation by Clyde Montgomery and in the same year it was brought to the Gulf at the end of Duval Street, where it still departs today; and

**WHEREAS**, the arrival to the Conch Republic of the 60' state-of-the-art catamaran, the flagship of the Fireball fleet of glass bottom sightseeing boats, was christened the Pride of Key West on March 11, 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the current captain Brian Frantzen has been captaining the Pride of Key West since January of 2000, but has worked with the glass bottom boat operation since 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pride of Key West takes approximately 50,000 guests to the reef every year; and.

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2023, the Glass Bottom Boat will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, making it the second oldest attraction in Key West.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim, March 10, 2023, as

## PRIDE OF KEY WEST DAY

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

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

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Teri Johnston, Mayor