PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS November 20th is an annual observance honoring the memory of those who lost their lives due to violence and injustice because of their transgender identity.

WHEREAS Key West has always led the way when it comes to acceptance and inclusion of our LGBT community to create a safer environment away from discrimination, prejudice and brutality.

WHEREAS This day is an opportunity to educate and inform the public on the challenges our Transgender brothers and sisters still face when going about their day to day lives and the violent acts committed against them, particularly against transgender women of color.

WHEREAS Key West has always celebrated the diversity of its people so today is a day to not only remember those who have lost their lives because of anti-transgender violence but to also recommit ourselves to end hate crimes and ensure dignity, equality and justice to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim November 15th, 2018 as

Transgender Day of Remembrance

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all residents, businesses, organizations and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate accordingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 20th day of November, 2018.

Teri Johnston, Mayor