PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929 and spent his life fighting for equality and civil rights for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his work in the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968 because of his dedication to this cause; and

WHEREAS, by Congressional order his birthday is celebrated throughout the United States as a National holiday, designated to be the third Monday in January of each year; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday was first celebrated on January 20th, 1986. Twenty three years later, our nation inaugurated its first African American President, Barack Obama, who has called on all Americans to participate in our nation's recovery and renewal by serving in our communities on this day in remembrance of Dr. King and the Dream. In 2012, he was re-elected handily because of the foundation laid by Dr. King's dream; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, this nation, struggling with war, disparate treatment of its people and unequal representation, challenges our elected leaders on all levels to bring forward the realization of Dr. King's dream unveiled fifty five years ago, to demand that they will work to make the dream a reality by putting the needs of the people first, i.e. healthcare, housing and economic equality through job creation and acknowledgement that Black lives matter as much as all lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Teri Johnston, Mayor, Sam Kaufman, Vice-Mayor, and Clayton Lopez, Billy Wardlow, Greg Davila, Jimmy Weekley, and Mary Lou Hoover, City Commissioners of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2019 as

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States, where One Human Family is our mantra and is coincident with the teachings of Dr. King. We would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to join together in a memorial celebration of the life of this great man by rededicating ourselves to his principles of equality and justice. WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 15th day of January 2019.

Teri Johnston, MAYOR_____

Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor_____

Mary Lou Hoover, CITY COMMISSIONER_____

Billy Wardlow, CITY COMMISSIONER_____

Jimmy Weekley, CITY COMMISSIONER_____

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