



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Monday in March, has been designated as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, Local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

WHEREAS, In response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West and the City of Key West Commission do hereby proclaim March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 as

## COVID-19 VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS MEMORIAL DAY

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021

Teri Johnston, MAYOR