

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is nationally recognized on the last Friday in April and is annually observed throughout the nation and world to celebrate the role of trees in our lives and promote tree planting and care; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West recognizes the importance of trees and its environment and has been a member of Tree City USA for 9 years; and

WHEREAS, trees conserve water and provide forage and shelter for wildlife including birds and butterflies and also improve the health and beauty of the community; and

WHEREAS, the philosophy of right tree, right place helps to ensure a future canopy of healthy trees; and

WHEREAS, one generation plants the trees and another generation lives in its shade;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West do hereby proclaim April 30th, 2021 as

"ARBOR DAY"

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". The City of Key West Urban Forestry Manager and the Monroe County Extension Service Horticultural Agent encourage residents to plant new trees on their properties and have information available to help with the selection, care, and maintenance of the trees.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 13th day of April 2021.

Teri Johnston Mayor