

## **PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS, as a City we rely on law enforcement officers to keep our neighborhoods safe, enforce our laws, and respond in times of crisis. These men and women sustain peace and order in our community. They routinely put their lives on the line to defend ours, and the price of the bravery may result in injury, disability, or death and
- WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices made by the Key West Police Department, and that the members of the Key West Police Department recognize their duty to serve the people of this City by safeguarding life and property, and by protecting them against violence and disorder;
- WHEREAS, the nation set aside the week beginning May 9th to May 15th honor their extraordinary service and sacrifice, and remember the fallen heroes whose selfless acts have left behind safer streets and stronger communities; and
- WHEREAS, local law enforcement usually sets aside one day during National Police Week to honor our local fallen heroes. Due to the current pandemic, that memorial will be set in October to coincide with similar national ceremonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West do hereby proclaim May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> as

## "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK"

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I encourage the citizens of Key West to support our law enforcement officers, to strengthen the ties between the police and the community, and to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to these dedicated men and

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of May 2021.

Teri Johnston

Mayor