

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from

Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Spain; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope" invites us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and to reflect on how great our tomorrow

can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope; and

WHEREAS, although too numerous to recognize individually by name, Hispanic and Latino individuals serve as civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers and so much more; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino individuals continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic and political vitality of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West along with the entire City Commission of Key West, Florida do hereby proclaim September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as

## "Hispanic & Latino Heritage" Month

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". And I urge all the people of Key West to honor the rich

diversity of the Hispanic and Latino communities and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society. WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 19th day of October 2021.

Teri Johnston

Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida