



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is taking a stand against child sexual abuse and joining hands and hearts with Lauren's Kids; and

WHEREAS, Former State Senator Lauren Book, Founder and CEO of Lauren's Kids, will embark on her annual journey walking 1,500 miles across Florida, from Key West to Tallahassee, to bring awareness to the issue of child sexual abuse and advocate for prevention and legislative change; and

WHEREAS, "Walk in My Shoes" will take place during the month of April in recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Child Abuse Prevention Month and to raise awareness, educate communities, and empower survivors.

WHEREAS, our Monroe County School District is proud to teach Lauren's Kids' FLDOE-approved "Safer, Smarter Kids" curriculum to empower children with personal safety skills from a place of fun – not fear; and

WHEREAS, Lauren is joined by tens of thousands of survivors, advocates, educators, families, and supporters for local walks, rallies, vigils, school visits, and events throughout the state; and

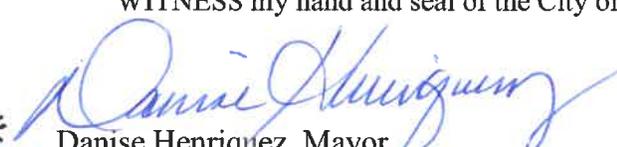
WHEREAS, "Walk in My Shoes" kicks off at the Southernmost Point on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 with a 15 mile awareness walk that ends at Baby's Coffee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West along with the entire city commission do hereby proclaim March 31st 2026 as

## CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I urge all citizens, residents, and visitors to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities that raise awareness, promote prevention, and reaffirm our community's commitment to protecting our children and ensuring their safety and well-being.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of March 2026.

  
Danise Henriquez, Mayor

