



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Key West Legal Rum was the first license ever issued in Monroe County to "legally" make alcohol in 2013 by Paul Menta and Tony Mantia; and

WHEREAS, the rum is a handmade product made in Key West and exported all over the United States; and

WHEREAS, barrels are salt cured in the ocean, so it has a flavor only found in Key West and is distilled in the old Coca Cola factory; and

WHEREAS, Key West Legal Rum embraces the history and flavors of Key West, hand made in a bottle; and

WHEREAS, when the Community needs help, Key West Legal Rum is there to help. Be it a hurricane, pandemic, or any issue, they use the proceeds from the product to assist the Community. This is the only way we can say thank you for the support given to us by always being there for the Community; and

WHEREAS, Key West Legal Rum was voted Best Craft Rum 2023 in the USA; and

WHEREAS, this is to celebrate 10 years of helping our community and making a souvenir for visitors to take back from Key West.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim July 13th as

KEY WEST LEGAL RUM DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 13th day of July, 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor