



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is a nationwide public health and civil rights crisis. Its victims and survivors are everywhere; and,
- WHEREAS, Anyone can become a victim of trafficking. While women and girls are the primary victims, victims/survivors come from every background, race, gender, sexual orientation, and economic status. Traffickers usually target individuals who, for any reason, are vulnerable. and,
- WHEREAS, Keys to Be the Change will continue to take the lead on raising awareness in our community that Human Trafficking exists and how to combat it; and,
- WHEREAS, The City of Key West is striving to become a place where human trafficking does not exist, where people have opportunities available to them, and where all people are treated as fully human and worthy of a supportive community and freedom; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with our City Commissioners do hereby proclaim January 2021 as

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." We would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to pause for a moment to support all local efforts to seek to prevent human trafficking before it can occur by promoting safe, healthy and supportive environments.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of January 2021

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