



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, first established in 2014 in Monroe County, Florida, Keys to Be the Change provides programs, education, awareness and opportunities that empower children, youth and adults to improve health, wellness and skills for success in school and in life. Mentors play a vital role by providing crucial academic, emotional and social support to our children and youth as they grow and develop into our next generation of future citizens and leaders; and

WHEREAS, Keys to Be the Change collaborates with the City of Key West, the Key West Police Department, Joint Interagency Task Force South, the State Attorney's office, the United States Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines as well as many community members who care about our kids; and

WHEREAS, the organization recognizes that mentoring results in less truancy, higher rates of graduation, fosters better attitudes regarding law enforcement and encourages bonding with school as well as community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR of the City of Key West, and the entire City Commission of Key West, Florida, do hereby proclaim

February

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KEYS TO BE THE CHANGE MENTORING MONTH

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 11th day of February 2026.

Danise Henriquez, Mayor