



PROCLAMATION

December 2, 2019

Whereas, December 21st has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and is so recognized by communities nationwide; and,

Whereas, The Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care, and Monroe County Social Services will commemorate "National Homelessness Persons' Memorial Day;" and,

Whereas, the spirit of the holiday season of goodwill toward all provides an opportunity for the affirmation and renewal regarding our commitment to end homelessness; and,

Whereas, in the season of peace and goodwill, the citizens of Key West are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all members of our One Human Family, especially those who are poor and homeless; and,

Whereas, on Friday December 20th at 3:00pm, the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition will coordinate a memorial service and inter the remains of homeless individuals who have died in Key West and Monroe County over the past year in the FKOC vault at the historic Key West Cemetery; and,

Whereas, by remembering those who have died on the streets the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent; as is the community's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future;

Now therefore, I Teri Johnston Mayor of the City Key West along with our City Commissioners do hereby proclaim December 21, 2019

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

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 on the longest night of the year to remember homeless persons who have died and to support all local efforts to address the underlying causes and complex issues surrounding homelessness.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2nd day of December 2019
TERI JOHNSTON, Mayor _____

SAM KAUFMAN, Vice Mayor _____

JIMMY WEEKLEY, City Commissioner _____

BILLY WARDLOW, City Commissioner _____

GREGORY DAVILA, City Commissioner _____

MARY LOU HOOVER, City Commissioner _____

CLAYTON L. LOPEZ, City Commissioner _____