



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Bishop lived in Key West in the 1930's and 1940's and found inspiration, support, and solace in its subtropical flora, fauna, culture, and in the variety of its people; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop's poetic style underwent a lasting transformation in response to Key West's unique environment, and she completed her first book, "North & South," while living in Key West, and went on to become one of the most important American poets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop's former Key West home at 624 White Street has been acquired by the Key West Literary Seminar, and will be restored and preserved as it was when Bishop lived there; and

**WHEREAS**, people around the world and in Key West will be reading Bishop's poems and celebrating a week of events from February 1- 8, 2026, leading up to the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim the week of, February 1-8, 2026, as

## ELIZABETH BISHOP WEEK

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 6th day of January 2026.

Danise Henriquez, Mayor

The image shows a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danise Henriquez". Below the signature, the text "Danise Henriquez, Mayor" is printed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.