



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1991, the City Commission of the City of Key West authorized a Proclamation recognizing the City of Anapa, Russia, on the shores of the Black Sea, as a Sister City to Key West; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that in light of the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian government led by President Putin, it is important to reconsider and rescind the goodwill “Sister City” relationship with Anapa, as it symbolically represents support for a piece of the Russian government; and

WHEREAS, the Russian invasion of Ukraine is an unprovoked war against a thriving independent democracy, and as such it is opposed by the United States, and many nations of the world; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission supports Ukraine and its residents, who continue to defend their democracy; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted the principle of “One Human Family” as the official philosophy of Key West in 2000, and as such the City Commission will not support the current Russian government through a Sister City program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby rescind the Sister City Proclamation between the cities of Key West and Anapa, Russia.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 18th day of April, 2023.

Teri Johnston, Mayor