



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Eight LLC, doing business as Mangia Mangia, was founded by the Baron family in Old Town Key West in 1989 on the corner of Southard and Margaret Streets; and

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WHEREAS, since 2005 Mangia Mangia has persevered and overcome multiple challenges including hurricanes, the pandemic, and other difficulties with the owners and its employees, continuing to be a mainstay for the Old Town community and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Small Business Development Center (FSBDC) at Florida International University (FIU), established in 2014 under FIU's College of Business, expanded its services to the City of Key West and Monroe County in October 2018, providing expert consulting through a team of seasoned local professionals; and

WHEREAS, Mangia Mangia has been a longtime and dedicated client of FSBDC at FIU since 2019 and a client of the FSBDC Network since 2008; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2025, the FSBDC at FIU recognized Eight LLC, dba Mangia Mangia, as the recipient of the 2025 Restaurant of the Year for Monroe County, recognizing a Keys-based small business in the food industry that has demonstrated remarkable perseverance and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission, do hereby recognize and celebrate the outstanding service and dedication of

EIGHT LLC, DBA MANGIA MANGIA

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 the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of June 2025.


Danise Henriquez, Mayor

