

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, for the past 30 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and
- WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in the City of Key West, especially for very low-income residents; and to encourage support of homelessness assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and
- WHEREAS, the Key West City Commission recognizes that hunger and homelessness continue to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in our community; and
- **WHEREAS**, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of local hunger and homeless service organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim November 11th – 18th 2023 as

NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS 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 recognize that many people do not have adequate food and housing and need support from citizens, private/public agencies, and non-profit organizations.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 9h day of November 2023.

Teri Johnston Mayor

Sam Kaufman Vice Mayor