



PROCLAMATION

City of Key West Fire Department 150 Year Anniversary

WHEREAS, from the early volunteer Lafayette Fire Company in 1834 whose motto reads, "Where duty calls, there you will find us," the foundation for fire protection in Key West was established; and

WHEREAS, in November 1875 the citizens of Key West reorganized a Fire Department that would become known as the Key West Fire Department with O.H. Dorsett as Chief and a 103-member Fire Department; and

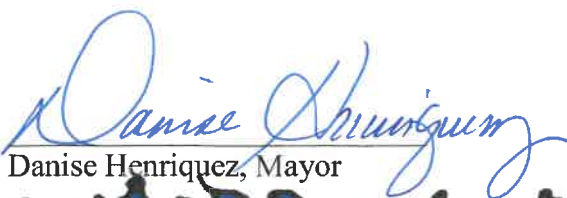
WHEREAS, on April 1, 2015, the Key West Fire Department integrated EMS with the Fire Department enhancing efficiency and effectiveness for residents and visitors

WHEREAS, today the Key West Fire Department is a Class One ISO Rated Fire Department, the highest achievable public protection classification a distinction held by less than 1% of fire departments nationwide; and

WHEREAS, over the past 150 years, the members of the Key West Fire Department have demonstrated courage, dedication, and selfless service, making ultimate sacrifices to protect the lives and property of the community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the entire city commission do hereby proclaim October 9, 2025, the 150th Anniversary of the Key West Fire Department, and encourage all citizens to honor and celebrate the legacy, service, and commitment of the men and women of this esteemed department.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 9th day of October 2025.


Danise Henriquez, Mayor