



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; Peter moved to Key West with his partner, Bob Linder, in 1992 for the creative, nurturing gay community. After the death of his partner Peter became actively involved in the GLBT community as a leader, business promoter and entrepreneur associated with the WEOW Radio Station and DJ Rude Girl as well as Destination Magazine, and Cocograms Enterprises etc. utilizing his creative photography acumen; and

WHEREAS; Peter has been involved with the Key West Business Guild (KWBG) which was formed in 1978, working with the Board and being the community liaison he has been actively involved in the KWBG Annual Fundraiser, 'Headress Ball' as the primary coordinator of the event, talent and production since 1993 and most recently the February 26, 2022 Madi Gras edition. Peter has supported the Key West Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Key West Business Guild June Pride events including PRIDE Follies, Sunday Tea Dance, etc.; and

WHEREAS; He has supported AIDS Help, now AH of Monroe, serving as an AIDS Buddy and is involved with the Fantasy Fest King and Queen fundraising campaign. He has been involved with the AIDS Memorial on White Street Pier alongside his beloved sister-in-law, Denise Dunbar, and serves on the Board of the Friends of the AIDS Memorial; and

WHEREAS; Peter has promoted the community service and fundraising efforts of the Sister Season organization and has supported the original Key West Symphony Orchestra as well as the Key West Nutcracker production with Joyce Stahl; and

WHEREAS; Peter celebrated the LGBTQ fight for equal rights with his own legal Same-Sex marriage to Randy Becker in March 2013 at the NYC GLBTQ Expo

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West along with the entire Key West City Commission proclaim April 5th, 2022, as

PETER ARNOW DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." We encourage all citizens to celebrate Peter Arnow, his life and commitment to LGBTQ activism with passion, dedication, good humor, smiles, friendships, and excellent photography that reflects our Key West paradise community as the treasure it is to all of us who love it here as One Human Family.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West this 5th day of April 2022.


Teri Johnston, Mayor