



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage, and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Spain; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is *Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America* and invites us to celebrate and recognize the significant strides of Hispanics in the economic, political, and social growth of the United States; and

WHEREAS, although too numerous to recognize individually by name, Hispanic individuals serve as civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers and so much more; and

WHEREAS, as a community that is committed to celebrating our diversity, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month reaffirms its commitment to inclusion as we continue our efforts to ensure that everyone who lives in and visits our city, feels equally valued and has equal access to opportunities to help them thrive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby honor and recognize
September 15th – October 15th, 2023 as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States," and I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to honor the rich diversity of the Hispanic communities and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 12^h day of October 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor