



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** in recognition that suicide is a national and statewide public health problem, and therefore its prevention is therefore a national and statewide responsibility;

**WHEREAS,** Monroe County had the highest rate of suicide in 2018 of all 67 counties in Florida, and suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 34;

**WHEREAS,** suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade;

**WHEREAS,** organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention envision a world without suicide, and are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide through research, education, advocacy and resources for those who have lost someone or who personally struggle;

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Teri Johnston, and the entire City Commission do hereby proclaim Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> -Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> in Key West as

## NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this day of April 2019.

Teri Johnston, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Lou Hoover, City Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Jimmy Weekley, City Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Billy Wardlow, City Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Gregory Davila, City Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Clayton L. Lopez, City Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_