



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The College of the Florida Keys is an open-access, educational institution dedicated to serving the intellectual, diverse, cultural, and occupational needs of the Florida Keys as well as the global community. The College is committed to student-centric academic programs and services, workforce development, continuing education, diverse partnerships, electronically delivered instruction, and sustainable practices that prepare students for personal success and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, The College was established as Monroe County Junior College in 1965 and changed its name to Florida Keys Junior College later that year. It became Florida Keys Community College in 1970; and

WHEREAS, The College officially adopted, and the Florida Legislature approved its current name “The College of the Florida Keys” to reflect its expanded status as a baccalaureate-granting institution; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, the College opened the Upper Keys Center in Key Largo, an independent facility that greatly enhances the College’s ability to provide bachelor’s and associate degrees, certificates, workforce training, testing services, and community enrichment programs to residents in northern Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, The College has responded to workforce demands by expanding educational opportunities by developing new college credit certificates, associates, baccalaureate degrees, and apprenticeship programs demonstrating its commitment to supporting the workforce demands of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, the College extended its commitment to education by launching the CFK Academy on the Key West Campus—a tuition-free public charter high school focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and Career Technical Education (CTE), promoting academic acceleration through Dual Enrollment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the College has been recognized by governmental and non-governmental entities such as the Maritime Administration as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE) in 2024 and the National Retail Federation Foundation as the 2025 RISE Up Partner of the Year for its commitment to excellence and student success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission, do hereby proclaim, the month of March 2026, as

The College of the Florida Keys Month

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States in honor of the College’s 60th Anniversary” I would like to urge all citizens, and residents, of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of November 2025.


Danise Henriquez, Mayor

