



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, first established in 2014 in Monroe County, Florida, Keys to Be the Change provides programs, education, awareness, and opportunities that empower children, youth and adults to improve health, wellness and skills for success in school and in life. Mentors play a vital role by providing crucial emotional and social support to our children and youth as they grow and develop into our next generation of future citizens and leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Keys to Be the Change collaborates with the City of Key West, the Key West Police Department, JIATFS (Joint Interagency Task Force South which includes personnel from the US Coast Guard, Army, Airforce, and Marines) as well as community members who care about our kids; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization recognizes that mentoring results in less truancy, higher rates of graduation, fosters better attitudes regarding law enforcement and encourages bonding with school as well as community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, and the entire City Commission of Key West, Florida, do hereby proclaim January as

## KEYS TO BE THE CHANGE MENTORING MONTH

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States, I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors to participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

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Teri Johnston, Mayor

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Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman

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Commissioner Lissette Carey

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Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover

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Commissioner Clayton Lopez

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Commissioner Billy Wardlow

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Commissioner Jimmy Weekley