



## 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.

WHEREAS, mentors play a vital role by providing crucial support and guidance to high-risk youth as they grow and develop into our next generation of productive citizens.

WHEREAS, Keys to Be the Change collaborates with volunteers from the community as well as the Key West Police Department and JIATF South, which includes the US Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force, Army and Marines. These mentors offer our high-risk youth academic support as well as promoting pro-social behavior.

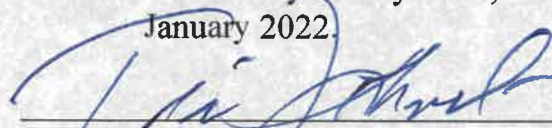
WHEREAS, Keys to Be the Change recognizes that mentoring helps to create a bond with school which in turn decreases truancy, increases grades and increases the chances for students to graduate high school and lead successful lives in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West and the entire City Commission do hereby proclaim  
January 2022 as

**“Keys to Be the Change Mentoring Day”**

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States”.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 2022.

  
Teri Johnston  
Mayor