



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The Key West Business Guild, an association of businesses and individuals, has been promoting Key West as a LGBTQIA+ travel destination, since 1978. And continues to work to brighten the rainbow over the island each and every day; and

**WHEREAS**, Key West made history by electing the first openly gay Mayor in the United States and the first openly lesbian Mayor of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Key West presented the world with the Sea to Sea Rainbow Flag and has always been a leader of LGBTQIA+ rights and protections for our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Key West has long been a welcoming destination for LGBTQIA+ visitors, thanks to its enduring commitment to *One Human Family*, which affirms the inherent dignity and equality of all people, regardless of how they identify within the LGBTQIA+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, Key West Pride 2025 will serve as a reminder to all of the ongoing struggle for social, political and personal equality for the LGBTQIA+ community across our nation and throughout the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim June 2025, as

## KEY WEST PRIDE MONTH

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States,” I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

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Danise Henriquez, Mayor

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Samuel Kaufman, Commissioner