



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** March 18, 1662 is believed to be the first day of scheduled public transit bus service for Blaise Pascal's "Five-Penny Coaches" in the City of Paris; and

**WHEREAS,** Eduardo Hidalgo Gato introduced a mule powered streetcar system to connect "Gatoville" to the downtown Key West area in the 1880's; and

**WHEREAS,** transit team members start their days before the sun rises and finish them long after the sun is set, including working weekends and on or around holidays; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to meeting stringent safety requirements, transit team members must demonstrate customer service, patience, empathy, and understanding to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all community members and visitors; and

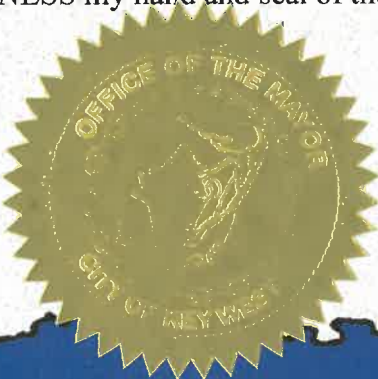
**WHEREAS,** transit team members work hard each day to help customers access jobs, health care, school, community services, and many other personal, social, and civic opportunities all with a smile.

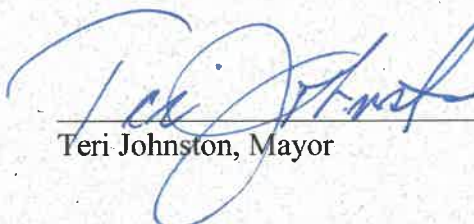
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR** of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim March 18 to March 22, 2024 as

## TRANSIT WORKER APPRECIATION WEEK

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to thank the transit workers for their service to our community.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.



  
Teri Johnston, Mayor