



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gary Hernandez has dedicated his career to inspiring and educating the students of Key West through the power of music as the Band Director at Key West High School; and

WHEREAS, under his direction, the Key West High School Band has become a source of pride for our community, representing Key West with excellence at performances, parades, competitions, and civic events both locally and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez has led the Key West High School Band on numerous trips throughout the United States and to other countries, providing students with unforgettable opportunities to travel, perform internationally, and serve as cultural ambassadors for the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, through these international performances and exchanges, Mr. Hernandez and his students have brought recognition and distinction to Key West High School while proudly showcasing the talent and spirit of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West recognizes the important role arts education plays in strengthening our community and celebrates the remarkable contributions of educators like Gary Hernandez, who make a lasting difference in the lives of our youth.

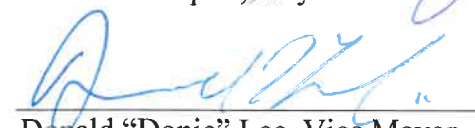
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, Florida along with the entire Key West City Commission, do hereby recognize

### **GARY HERNANDEZ FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS**

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States," and encourage all residents, students, families, and visitors to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions Gary Hernandez has made to music education and to the community of Key West.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 1st day of April 2026

  
Danise Henriquez, Mayor

  
Donald "Donie" Lee, Vice Mayor

