



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Key West has been home to some of the most important poets of the past 100 years, including Elizabeth Bishop, James Merrill, and Richard Wilbur; and American literature has been enriched by poetic descriptions of Key West's history, environment, and culture; and the Key West Poet Laureate is the official poet of Key West, and

WHEREAS, Arlo Haskell is a poet, historian, publisher, and literary organizer who was born and raised in the Florida Keys, lives in Key West, and is the author of the poetry collections *Fool Proof* and *Joker* and the publisher of Sand Paper Press, and

WHEREAS, he has shared his knowledge of Key West's literary history with audiences around the country; and, as executive director of the Key West Literary Seminar, he has brought leading poets to Key West for public readings, developed poetry-focused programs for high school students, and helped keep Key West's literary traditions alive and vibrant,

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Teri Johnston, and the entire City Commission do hereby proclaim

ARLO HASKELL KEY WEST POET LAUREATE 2019

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of June 2019.

Teri Johnston, Mayor _____

Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor _____

Mary Lou Hoover, City Commissioner _____

Jimmy Weekley, City Commissioner _____

Billy Wardlow, City Commissioner _____

Gregory Davila, City Commissioner _____

Clayton L. Lopez, City Commissioner _____