



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cheri Smith has served the residents of Key West for 30 years with the highest level of professionalism, humor and patience; and

WHEREAS, as City Clerk since 1999, Cheri brought the City Clerk's office into the 21st century – digitizing documents, presiding over domestic partnerships, recording legislative actions, retaining millions of public records, and reading more "Whereas" statements aloud for benefit of the public and the City Commission than anyone in recent memory; and

WHEREAS, over the decades Cheri has been recognized as City Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year. She holds professional credentials as a Master Municipal Clerk, Certified Public Manager and Certified Public Pension Trustee, and she volunteers in the community, behind the scenes and on the front line, at events such as the Holiday Parade, Children's Festival, City Picnics, and Fantasy Fest;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim July 5, 2023, as

CHERI SMITH DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." We would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation of Cheri's well-earned retirement after 30 years of service to the people of Key West.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 8th day of June, 2023.

Teri Johnston, Mayor

Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor

Commissioner Lissette Carey

Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover

Commissioner Clayton Lopez

Commissioner Billy Wardlow

Commissioner Jimmy Weekley