



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs enhance our quality of life by contributing to healthy lifestyles, building community, creating economic development, and encouraging environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs boost the economy, enhance property values, attract new business, increase tourism, and reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, recreation builds family unity, strengthens neighborhood involvement, offers opportunity for social interaction, enhances education, develops creativity, and promotes cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, our parks and trails ensure ecological beauty, provide encounters in nature, help maintain clean air and water, preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

WHEREAS, award-winning local, state, and national parks located within the State of Florida contribute to the overall quality of life enjoyed by residents of and visitors to our State; and

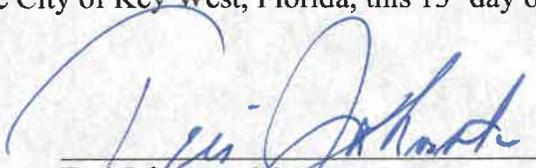
WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association and the Florida Recreation and Park Association have designated July as Recreation and Parks Month.

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

RECREATION AND PARKS 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 this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 13^h day of July, 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor