



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Zonta Club of Key West includes 22 members that are women of professional and executive backgrounds, who seek to raise awareness of the uncomfortable, often unspoken topic of violence against women; and

WHEREAS, violence against women is not a women's issue, but a societal issue, often rooted in misinterpretations of history, inadequate laws, culture, and religions, traditional ideas of feminine and masculine identities; and

WHEREAS, Zonta Clubs are extending their core mission of improving the status of women through service and advocacy, working locally to specifically reduce violence against women through education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, "Zonta Says No" reaches its focus during a designated "16 Days of Activism Against Violence" which runs from Saturday, November 25th through Sunday, December 10th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, orange has been designated as the official color for the "Zonta Says No" campaign, a color also adopted by the United Nations for this topic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim November 25th, 2023 as

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens of Key West to support work to end violence against women and to eliminate the detrimental consequences it has on the well-being of our community.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 9^h day of November 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor