



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Key West Business Guild, an association of businesses and individuals, has been promoting Key West as a LGBTQIA+ travel destination, since 1978, and continues to work to brighten the rainbow over the island each and every day; and

WHEREAS, Key West made history by electing the first openly gay Mayor in the United States and the first openly lesbian Mayor of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Key West presented the world with the Sea to Sea Rainbow Flag and has always been a leader of LGBTQIA+ rights and protections for our nation; and

WHEREAS, Key West has been a destination for LGBTQIA+ visitors because of the One Human Family commitment made by the community, that no matter what your race, sexual orientation, or gender identity, we all can stand together as one; and

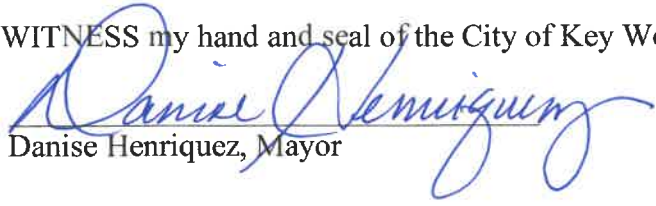
WHEREAS, Key West Pride 2026 with the theme "Color Our Island" a celebration of identity through color and creativity will serve as a reminder to all the ongoing struggle for social, political and personal equality for the LGBTQIA+ community across our nation and throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 2026, as

KEY WEST PRIDE WEEK

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 celebration

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of June 2026.


Danise Henriquez, Mayor

Samuel Kaufman, Commissioner

