

- **WHEREAS**, every year, we recognize our 911 dispatchers during National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week; and
- **WHEREAS**, 911 dispatchers play a vital and often underappreciated role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities; and
- WHEREAS, they are the first point of contact for individuals in need of emergency services, and their quick thinking, calm demeanor, and attention to detail can mean the difference between life and death; and
- WHEREAS, in 2024 Key West Police Dispatchers answered 68,615 calls into the Communications Center and dispatched over 69,313 service request for police, fire, and rescue personnel; and
- WHEREAS, we acknowledge the challenges they face on a daily basis, including the emotional toll of dealing with high-stress situations and the need to make split-second decisions that can have life-altering consequences; and
- WHEREAS, to all dispatchers out there, we say thank you for your dedication, your professionalism, and your unwavering commitment to keeping our communities safe; and
- WHEREAS, your work does not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for all that you do.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2025 as

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in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". We would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors to recognize the invaluable contributions of our 911 dispatchers and honor their commitment to public service.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 1st day of April 2025.

Danise Henriquez, Mayor