



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Joan Higgs has been an RN in our community for over 50 years, serving as Director of Nursing at both Lower Keys Medical Center and the Department of Health and served as Administrator of Bayshore Manor Assisted Living Facility; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Director of Nursing at Lower Keys Medical Center she established departments of Nursing In-Service Education, Infection Control, Quality Management, Risk Management and Discharge Planning; and

WHEREAS, she established the Roosevelt Sands, Sr. Community Health Center and the Department of Minority Wellness while at the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, Joan's community highlights include establishing Cooking with Love to provide healthy, home delivered meals to elders and other persons in need in 1996, which is currently providing 240+ meals daily. She was on the founding board of Womankind and the Cancer Foundation of the Florida Keys; she served on the board of MARC and the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition and was ordained as a deacon in 1986 at the Metropolitan Community Church; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge her dedication to the Community of Key West.

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

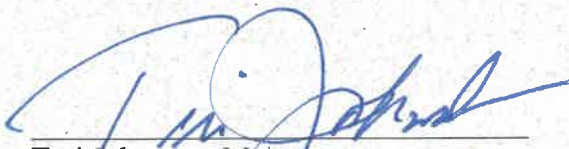
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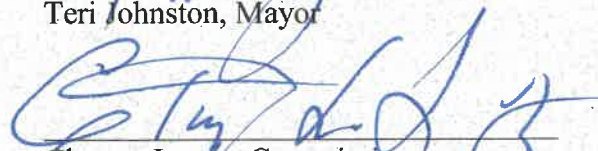
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in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 14th day of March 2024.




Teri Johnston, Mayor


Clayton Lopez, Commissioner