



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, addressing the complex health needs of people with scleroderma is important to the City of Key West; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with scleroderma are critically important to achieving positive patient outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize June as Scleroderma Awareness Month and to raise awareness, the City of Key West seeks to share the experience of people with scleroderma and supports the improvement of services to those individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Lehmann Manning was a Fresh Water Conch, Key West High School Conchette and graduate and assistant teacher at Key West High School while pursuing her sociology degree before she passed away in 2007 from this rare disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Floridians are encouraged to wear teal in support of scleroderma awareness and to participate in scleroderma awareness related events during the month of June; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Chapter, through its collaboration with the National Scleroderma Foundation and other organizational partners, seeks to raise awareness in our communities through support, education and research toward finding a cure for scleroderma.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim June 2024 as

## FLORIDA SCLERODERMA AWARENESS 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 the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



  
Teri Johnston, Mayor