



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Key West takes pride in joining Americans throughout the country in recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to reflect on the many contributions made by African Americans to the country and to Key West's economic, artistic, cultural, spiritual, educational, and political development; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 national theme for the observance is "Black Health and Wellness" and emphasizes the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora; and

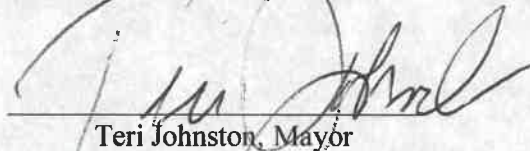
WHEREAS, the City of Key West continues to work toward becoming a community that embodies the "One Human Family" philosophy where all citizens—past, present, and future—are respected and treated equally;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West along with the Key West City Commission proclaim the month of February 2022 as

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". We encourage all citizens to celebrate and learn about our diverse heritage and culture. We work to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 15th day of February 2022.



Teri Johnston, Mayor