



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, BB&T first opened in the City of Key West in 2004 and became Truist Bank in 2019. Truist is located at 1010 Kennedy Drive, Suite 100 in the City of Key West and has ten employees between the Commercial Center and Key West Branch including: Dale Bittner, Jay Hall, Ariana Corsi, Mary Ansell, Adelina McGlathery, Ivette Nodarse, Dee Luna, Marlen Herrera, Melina Estevez, and Carie Borgelin; and

**WHEREAS**, Truist's purpose is to inspire and build better lives and communities, with a focus on meeting client needs, empowering teammates, and lifting up communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Truist Monroe Commercial Team emphasizes support and services to the City of Key West and Monroe County small businesses and since 2021 has partnered with the Florida Small Business Development Center (FSBDC) at Florida International University (FIU) on 18 financial and growth trainings for 206 small business owners in the City of Key West providing them with coaching, information and resources to start and grow their businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, FSBDC at FIU started under FIU's College of Business in 2014 and expanded to the City of Key West and Monroe County in October 2018 with a team of highly experienced local consultants assisting business owners in the City of Key West and Monroe County; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2024 the FSBDC at FIU announced the Truist Monroe Commercial Team as the winner of the 2024 Community Partner of the Year for Monroe County.

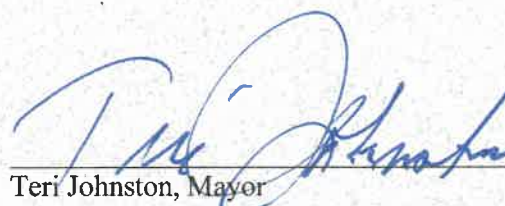
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby recognize the valuable and dedicated work of the

## TRUIST MONROE COMMERCIAL TEAM

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