



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Royal Poinciana Tree is the Official Tree of Key West, Florida;

WHEREAS, by acknowledging the Royal Poinciana this month, it is hoped that residents will be encouraged to purchase new trees and plant, maintain and preserve them, benefitting the city environmentally;

WHEREAS, the Royal Poinciana Tree peak blooming season takes place during summertime, the glorious orange flowers of these trees serve as a major draw to the island of Key West, attracting artists and tourists while offering beauty to those who live here;

WHEREAS, this Proclamation is being made in honor of Merili McCoy, the original "Tree Lady of Key West, whose very favorite tree was, of course, the Royal Poinciana,

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Teri Johnston, and the entire City Commission do hereby proclaim
June 2019 as

ROYAL POINCIANA TREE MONTH

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of June 2019.

Teri Johnston, Mayor _____

Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor _____

Mary Lou Hoover, City Commissioner _____

Jimmy Weekley, City Commissioner _____

Billy Wardlow, City Commissioner _____

Greg Davila, City Commissioner _____

Clayton L. Lopez, City Commissioner _____