



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** the Irreverent Warriors is a force that unites the veteran community and drives healthy culture within its members; and

**WHEREAS,** through creative engagements, events and strong veteran-based support networks they are known as the catalyst for improving the veteran outlook; and

**WHEREAS,** in the context of PTSD Awareness, the acronym IGY6 (I got your 6) has been adopted, meaning “I got your back” referring to military time where six o’clock means “straight behind you” to let someone know you have got them covered and that you will support them however possible; and

**WHEREAS,** the Irreverent Warriors mission is to bring veterans together using humor and camaraderie to improve mental health and prevent veteran suicide; and

**WHEREAS,** during Silkies Hike Week you will see Veterans dressed in the tiniest of shorts (aka silkies), and on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> hundreds of Veterans will hike throughout Key West helping Veterans connect to eliminate the 22 Veteran’s suicides a day.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West and the entire City Commission of Key West, Florida, do hereby recognize December 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as

## IRREVERENT WARRIORS KEY WEST SILKIES HIKE WEEK

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States,” and 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

  
Teri Johnston, Mayor