



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, first established in 2014 in Monroe County, Florida, Keys to Be the Change provides programs to the youth in Key West that promote academics, pro-social behavior and literacy. Mentors play a vital role by providing crucial support and guidance to our young adults as they grow and develop into our next generation of citizens and leaders;

WHEREAS, Keys to Be the Change collaborates with the Key West Police Department, the United States Coast Guard, community volunteers, and middle and high school students to provide peer-to-peer mentoring at Horace O'Bryant Middle School, Key West High School, and all of the elementary schools in Key West.

WHEREAS, the organization recognizes that mentoring results in less truancy, higher rates of college enrollment, fosters better attitudes toward education and encourages more community volunteering;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Teri Johnston, Mayor, Sam Kaufman, Vice-Mayor, and Clayton Lopez, Billy Wardlow, Greg Davila, Jimmy Weekley, and Mary Lou Hoover,

City Commissioners of the City of Key West, do proclaim February

KEYS TO BE THE CHANGE MENTORING MONTH

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States, I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors to participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of February, 2019.

Teri Johnston, MAYOR _____

Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor _____

Mary Lou Hoover, CITY COMMISSIONER _____

Billy Wardlow, CITY COMMISSIONER _____

Jimmy Weekley, CITY COMMISSIONER _____

Greg Davila, CITY COMMISSIONER _____

Clayton L. Lopez, CITY COMMISSIONER _____