



# Proclamation CITY OF KEY WEST



**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Bishop lived in Key West in the 1930s and 1940s and found inspiration, support, and solace in its subtropical flora, fauna, culture, and in the variety of its people; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop's poetic style underwent a lasting transformation in response to Key West's unique environment, and she completed her first book, "North & South," while living in Key West, and went on to become one of the most important American poets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop's former Key West home at 624 White Street has been acquired by Key West Literary Seminar, and will be restored and preserved as it was when Bishop lived there; and

**WHEREAS**, people around the world and in Key West will be reading Bishop's poems on February 8, 2022, the 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of Key West,  
do hereby proclaim February 8, 2022, as

## **ELIZABETH BISHOP DAY**

in the southernmost city of the continental United States.

I 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2022.

Teri Johnston, Mayor

