



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Half Shell Raw Bar was established as a restaurant in 1972, in a former shrimp warehouse at the Key West Bight Historic Seaport; and

WHEREAS, as a favorite restaurant of locals and visitors alike, the Half Shell has been a culinary destination for five decades; and

WHEREAS, the Half Shell Raw Bar has been an anchor tenant since BEFORE the City of Key West acquired the Key West Bight for public benefit and enjoyment, and it remains essential to the economic and historical legacy of the area; and

WHEREAS, over a basket of fish and chips, ceviche or garlic oysters, Key West memories have been made by generations of satisfied customers; and

WHEREAS, many former employees of the Half Shell have gone on to become local teachers, nurses, police officers, realtors and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the Half Shell Raw Bar will continue its long history of supporting local charities, by hosting a “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seafood Festival” on August 27<sup>th</sup>, to benefit the Cancer Foundation of the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission urges residents and visitors alike to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Half Shell Raw Bar.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim August 27th, 2022 as

## HALF SHELL RAW BAR DAY

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, on August 27th, 2022.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2022.

Teri Johnston, Mayor

Jimmy Weekley, Commissioner