



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, first established in 2014 in Monroe County, Florida, Keys to Be the Change provides programs, education, awareness and opportunities that empower children, youth and adults to improve health, wellness and skills for success in school and in life. Mentors play a vital role by providing crucial emotional and social support to our children and youth as they grow and develop into our next generation of future citizens and leaders; and

WHEREAS, Keys to Be the Change collaborates with the City of Key West, the Key West Police Department, JIATFS (Joint Interagency Task Force South which includes personnel from the US Coast Guard, Army, Airforce and Marines) as well as community members who care about our kids; and

WHEREAS, the organization recognizes that mentoring results in less truancy, higher rates of graduation, fosters better attitudes regarding law enforcement and encourages bonding with school as well as community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, and the entire City Commission do hereby proclaim January as

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 18th day of January 2023

Teri Johnston, Mayor

Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman

Commissioner Lissette Carey

Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover

Commissioner Clayton Lopez

Commissioner Billy Wardlow

Commissioner Jimmy Weekley