



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, March 18, 1662 is believed to be the first day of scheduled public transit bus service for Blaise Pascal's "Five-Penny Coaches" in the City of Paris; and

WHEREAS, Eduardo Hidalgo Gato introduced a mule powered streetcar system to connect "Gatoville" to the downtown Key West area in the 1880s; and

WHEREAS, Transit team members start their days before the sun rises and finish them long after the sun is set, including working weekends and on or around holidays; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting stringent safety requirements, transit team members must demonstrate customer service, patience, empathy, and understanding to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all community members and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Transit team members work hard each day to help customers access jobs, health care, school, community services, and many other personal, social, and civic opportunities all with a smile.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim March 13 to March 18, 2023 as

"Transit Worker Appreciation Week"

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to thank the transit workers for their service to our community.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7th day of March 2023.

Teri Johnston, Mayor