



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is nationally recognized on the last Friday in April and is annually observed throughout the nation and world to celebrate the role of trees in our lives and promote tree planting and care; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West recognizes the importance of trees and its environment and has been a member of Tree City USA for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit organization, Coastlove, whose mission is to end ocean plastic and coastal degradation through action and education while empowering coastal communities to create change; and

WHEREAS, in September 2022, the southern shoreline and dune area of the Key West Nature Preserve beach access area was heavily damaged by Hurricane Ian; and

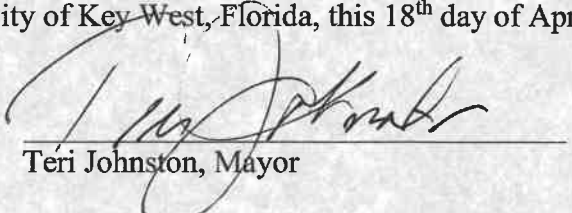
WHEREAS, Coastlove, in collaboration with the City of Key West, has created a family friendly, public cleaning and planting event on April 29, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the western access area to the Key West Preserve, 1691 Atlantic Blvd, to celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim April 29, 2023, as

ARBOR DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States," to promote the proper planting of native trees and our environment in Key West.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 18th day of April, 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor