

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation and our Community in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life of our Nation and our Community by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside the home; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force and were particularly important in the establishment of charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in our Nation and Community; and

WHEREAS, women have served the United States of America courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also in the abolitionist movement, industrial labor movement, civil rights movement, especially in the peace movement, and have often been overlooked and undervalued.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

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 this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 14th day of March 2024.

Teri Johnston, Mayor