

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, education is the cornerstone of a thriving and vibrant community, shaping the minds and futures of our youth; and
- WHEREAS, the Montessori educational philosophy, founded by Dr. Maria Montessori, has been a beacon of innovation and excellence, fostering the development of independent, creative, and lifelong learners since the early 1900's; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Key West recognizes the valuable contributions of Montessori educators, parents, and students in creating an engaging and supportive learning environment; and
- WHEREAS, Montessori Education Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the principles of curiosity, self-directed learning, and the holistic development of the child, aligning with the values cherished by our community; and
- WHEREAS, we acknowledge the dedication of Montessori educators who tirelessly work to cultivate a love of learning and nurture the unique potential within each child.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim February 25 - March 2, 2024 as

MONTESSORI EDUCATION 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 participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 26th day of February 2024.

Teri Johnston, Mayor