PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, February 23, 2026, marks the 90th anniversary of the Key West Botanical Garden and a celebration of Key Wests longest running attraction, also recognized as the oldest garden in Key West and the 5th oldest garden in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Key West Botanical Garden is in one of Florida's five areas of critical concern, and is the only frost-free tropical forest and botanical garden in the continental US; and

WHEREAS, Key West Botanical Garden is globally recognized for its efforts in environmental protection and as a premier conservation site for native flora and fauna in the region; and

WHEREAS, Key West Botanical Garden curates over 565 species of native plants representing the Florida Keys, Cuba, and the Caribbean.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim the year 2026, as

Key West Botanical Gardens 90th Anniversary

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States," I invite residents and visitors to take part in this celebration by visiting the gardens for a tour to experience this amazing Key West landmark.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 11th day of February 2026.

Danise Henriquez, Mayor