



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Flower Conroy, originally from South Amboy, NJ, was the valedictorian of Richard Stockton College where she earned her BA in Literature and Language; and, in 2013, she earned her Master of Fine Arts from Fairleigh Dickinson University
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Conroy served as poetry editor of *sourland mountain review* and continues to read for *The Literary Review*.
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Conroy is the author of three chapbooks: *Facts About Snakes & Hearts*, winner of *Heavy Feather Press' Chapbook Contest*; *The Awful Suicidal Swans*; and *Escape to Nowhere*.
- WHEREAS,** she is an alumna of the Sewanee Writers' Conference, Tin House, and the Tupelo 30/30 Project; and has received scholarships to attend the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Napa Valley Writers' Conference, Squaw Valley Community of Writers, and was invited to attend a workshop at the Key West Literary Seminar and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Conroy is the winner of *Radar Poetry's* first annual Coniston Prize, the Key West Tennessee Williams Exhibit Poetry Contest, received the Richard Heyman Award in recognition of outstanding literary achievement, and has received a 2017 grant from the Anne McKee Artist Fund to produce an anthology of poetry written at a five-day workshop she led at the Key West Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim

Flower Conroy

2017 Poet Laureate

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of June, 2017.

Craig Cates, Mayor

Jimmy Weekley, District I