



WHEREAS, the Key West City Commission wishes to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Keys Energy Services; and

WHEREAS, KEYS is the local public power provider for the lower Florida Keys, from Key West to the Seven-Mile Bridge, serving more than 29,000 customers; and

WHEREAS, in 1943 the City of Key West acquired the privately owned Key West Electric Company and created the Utility Board to oversee City Electric System, and

WHEREAS, in 1953 the utility expanded its service area outside of Key West into Monroe County up to the Seven-Mile Bridge; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 the Florida State Legislature passed a new enabling act for the governing of the utility that called for the popular election of an autonomous five-member board; and

WHEREAS, all electricity used in the lower Florida Keys was produced by local generation until May 8, 1987, when the utility interconnected to the mainland power grid via the TIELINE; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the utility changed its name to Keys Energy Services to better reflect the customers it serves and the services it provides; and

WHEREAS, KEYS is a nationally recognized Reliable Public Power Provider and maintains a highly respected position within the community and in its industry for its dedication to reliable electric service and forward thinking initiatives; and

WHEREAS, KEYS is a valuable asset to our community by helping provide our homes and businesses with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity that helps build a strong community

NOW, THEREFORE, the Key West City Commission pays tribute to KEYS for its dedication and service to the community and sends the utility and its employees best wishes on their

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and continued success as they power paradise toward a bright future.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of June 2018.

Clayton Lopez, Vice Mayor