

WHEREAS, Old Stone Methodist Church was organized in 1844 as the first Methodist church on the island of Key West; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Old Stone Methodist, Fleming Street Methodist, and Ley Memorial Methodist merged together to form the Key West United Methodist Church, a vital place of worship and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, on this date, January 20, 2019, we proudly celebrate our 175th anniversary of Methodism in Key West in our historic Key West United Methodist Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of Key West, do hereby proclaim the

175TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE OLDEST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN THE FLORIDA KEYS AND SOUTH FLORIDA

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States, I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors to participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 15th day of January, 2019.

Teri Johnston, Mayor