



Proclamation CITY OF KEY WEST



WHEREAS, Elizabeth Bishop lived in Key West in the 1930s and 1940s and found inspiration, support, and solace in its subtropical flora, fauna, culture, and in the variety of its people; and

WHEREAS, Bishop's poetic style underwent a lasting transformation in response to Key West's unique environment, and she completed her first book, "North & South," while living in Key West, and went on to become one of the most important American poets of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Bishop's former Key West home at 624 White Street has been acquired by Key West Literary Seminar, and will be restored and preserved as it was when Bishop lived there; and

WHEREAS, people around the world and in Key West will be reading Bishop's poems on February 8, 2020, the 109th anniversary of her birth:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of Key West,

do hereby proclaim February 8, 2020, as

ELIZABETH BISHOP DAY

in the southernmost city of the continental United States.

I 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 5th day of February 2020.

Teri Johnston, Mayor

