PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Key West, Monroe County and Florida residents have served honorably in the nation's Armed Forces, and many of Florida's brave men and women are considered missing in action, causing a grateful nation to mourn their fates, and, in fulfilling their duties, Florida's POWs have honorably served America and protected our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the POW/MIA Flag is flown at the Key West City Hall, the Florida State Capitol, and along Florida's rest areas, interstate highways and State Parks as a powerful reminder of those who so faithfully served our country; and

WHEREAS, our former Key West resident and longest held POW in American military history, Vietnam War vet Colonel Floyd "Jim" Thompson is being honored, and the City of Key West commends and endorses the national commitment to account as fully as possible Americans still missing from our nation's wars; and

WHEREAS, a formal POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony will take place on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 6:00pm at our Veterans Memorial Garden in Bayview Park, Key West;

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Teri Johnston, along with our City Commissioners do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 20, 2019 as

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17th day of Sept. 2019.

Teri Johnston, Mayor_____

Sam Kaufman, Vice Mayor_____

Mary Lou Hoover, City Commissioner_____

Jimmy Weekley, City Commissioner_____

Billy Wardlow, City Commissioner_____

Gregory Davila, City Commissioner_____

Clayton L. Lopez, City Commissioner_____