



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, James “Rocky” Portier grew up in Key West, and has been a fixture on the baseball and softball diamonds of Key West since 1961, serving as an umpire for generations of Conchs; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Portier travelled with the Southernmost Trappers 12-and-Under team to Cooperstown, NY where he umpired three games a day, and became part of the Cooperstown Fields of Dreams Hall of Fame, for his longstanding support of youth baseball; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Portier was recognized during a Negro Leagues Tribute Game hosted by the Milwaukee Brewers. At that event he tossed a ceremonial first pitch, and his name was installed on the Negro Leagues’ “Wall of Fame,” in recognition of his professional career as catcher and outfielder for the Indianapolis Clowns and the New York Black Yankees from 1956-58, along with spring training with the Brooklyn Dodgers; and

WHEREAS, James “Rocky” Portier has served the sports of baseball and softball for more than 60 years, and more importantly he has served the youth of Key West, as a supporter and as a fair and impartial umpire; and

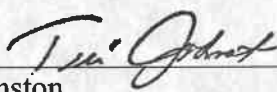
WHEREAS, on behalf of the entire City of Key West, we applaud and commend James “Rocky” Portier for his lifelong service to our children, to baseball and to our town.

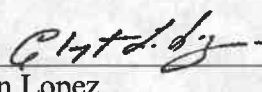
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Teri Johnston and District VI City Commissioner Clayton Lopez, do hereby declare February 17th, 2021, as

JAMES “ROCKY” PORTIER DAY in the City of Key West

We urge all citizens, residents and visitors in “Southernmost City of the Continental United States” to celebrate the legacy of this remarkable umpire, mentor, and Conch legend.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17th day of February 2021.


Teri Johnston,
Mayor


Clayton Lopez,
District VI City Commissioner