



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mother Jerline E. Sands Butler, daughter of Bahamian immigrants and one of our city's most senior and most loved citizens, was born in Key West in the year 1914, and,

WHEREAS, Mother Butler married Robert Henry Butler on December 31, 1936; and

WHEREAS, Mother Butler had six children, two of whom are deceased; 21 grandchildren, one deceased; 47 great grandchildren, two deceased; and 38 great-great grandchildren, one deceased; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the example and the guidance of Mother Butler, four generations have grown to become members of the clergy, noted musicians, champion athletes, beloved educators attaining high standards in each of their chosen professions, improving their communities, earning the respect and admiration of many by making the world a little better; and

WHEREAS, Mother Butler remained a faithful member at St. Stephens AME Zion Church until it's closing, where she was a Sunday School Teacher for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jerline Butler is now the eldest Sands or Butler family member living today and as such is the eldest surviving member of Trinity Wesleyan Methodist Church's founding families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West along with the entire City Commission of Key West, Florida do hereby proclaim October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as

### **“Mother Jerline Butler Day”**

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States”. We invite and urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to acknowledge to this living treasure of our island family.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 5th day of October 2021.

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Teri Johnston  
Mayor and the City Commission  
of the City of Key West, Florida