



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

HARRY LIVINGSTON BETHEL served on the City Commission of Key West from 1991 to 2007 of which 13-years were as Vice Mayor. Mr. Harry Bethel was elected to the Career Service Council in 1971 and served 3 terms through 1976. Mr. Harry Bethel was appointed by Mayor Sonny McCoy to the Key West Housing Authority and served 15-years before being elected to the City Commission. Mr. Harry Bethel was also appointed by Governor Jeb Bush in October 2000 to the Monroe County Housing Authority and has continued to be reappointed as recently as October 2014 by Governor Rick Scott and has served as Chairman the entire time. Mr. Bethel was selected in 1976 as one of the original trustees to the Monroe County Housing Corporation and is currently serving as President.

WHEREAS,

GREAT-GRANDFATHER, LIVINGSTON WELLESLY BETHEL served as Mayor of the City of Key West from 1876 to 1880. In 1880 Mr. L.W. Bethel was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Florida as running mate to Governor W.D. Bloxham and served till 1884. Mr. L.W. Bethel was appointed and succeeded his Father, Mr. Winer Bethel, to the Southern District of Florida, U.S. District Attorney for Dade, Broward and Monroe County from 1885 to 1889. Mr. L.W. Bethel was selected by the City Commission to the position of City Attorney on July 3, 1889. Mr. L.W. Bethel was appointed in 1895 as Judge of Criminal Court of Record for the City of Key West and served 15-years. L.W. Bethel was elevated to Judge of Florida 11th Circuit on June 10, 1911. Mr. L.W. Bethel passed away on October 21, 1914, at the age of 69.

WHEREAS,

GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER, WINER BETHEL served as Mayor of the City of Key West from 1872 to 1873. Mr. Winer Bethel was a practicing Attorney in the City of Key West and Monroe County. Mr. Winer Bethel served the Southern District Florida, U.S. District Attorney for Dade, Broward and Monroe County and was succeeded by his son, Mr. Livingston Wellesley Bethel in 1885. Mr. Winer Bethel also served as Criminal Court Judge for Monroe County. Mr. Winer Bethel passed away on March 30, 1877 at the age of 61.



NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor, and Clayton Lopez, District VI Commissioner; Jimmy Weekley, District I Commissioner; Mark Rossi, District II Commissioner; Billy Wardlow, District III Commissioner; Tony Yaniz, District IV Commissioner and Teri Johnston, District V Commissioner, of the City of Key West, State of Florida, do hereby proclaim

THE BETHEL FAMILY

**As having the most family members ever to serve in the
CITY of KEY WEST GOVERNMENT**

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 20th day of April 2015.

Clayton Lopez, District VI Commissioner

Craig Cates, MAYOR

Jimmy Weekley, District I Commissioner

Mark Rossi, District II Commissioner

Billy Wardlow, District III Commissioner

Tony Yaniz, District IV Commissioner

Teri Johnston, District V Commissioner