



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; the City of Key West is proud to posthumously honor its native son **Theodore “Fats” Navarro**, who was born in Key West, and after spending his childhood and adolescent years in the Bahama Village neighborhood of Key West, went on to a meteoric career as a jazz trumpeter and was one of the seminal figures of the bebop style of jazz improvisation, and as such made an indelible mark on American culture; and the style of jazz that ultimately became synonymous with modern jazz; and

WHEREAS; **Fats Navarro** is remembered as a musical pioneer who revolutionized jazz music and who was often referred to as a musical genius by his peers and is credited by some as being the harmonic link between Louis Armstrong and the beboppers in the 1940’s; and

WHEREAS; **Fats Navarro**, who in 1949 won Metronome Magazine’s award for best trumpet, and who, in 1982 was elected by a panel of international jazz critics into the Down Beat Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS; **Fats Navarro’s** discography in bebop lists in the hundreds, including recordings with groups led by Bud Powell, Charlie Parker, Tadd Dameron, Kenny Clarke, Coleman Hawkins and Dexter Gordon, among others, with many of these recordings being compositions by Navarro himself; and

WHEREAS; **Fats Navarro’s** musical legacy is now documented and intertwined with the Bahama Village Music Program and, as well, is one of our island city’s great historic legacies, and forever woven into the cultural fabric of Key West, America and the world; and

WHEREAS; **Fats Navarro**, whose unparalleled musical creativity and exceptional talent have continued to delight jazz fans and inspire jazz musicians for decades and as one of the fathers of bebop, Fats’ music will continue to remain vital to the artistic imagination of generations of music lovers everywhere; and

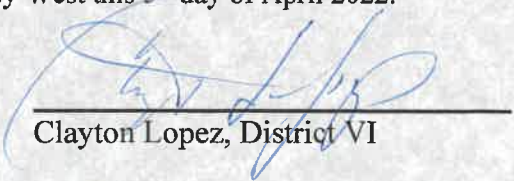
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of Key West along with District VI Commissioner Clayton Lopez, do hereby proclaim April 5th, 2022 as

FATS NAVARRO DAY

In the City of Key West and urge all residents to join in recognizing and honoring this uniquely talented musician and extend our appreciation to his family for the support and contributions they have bestowed upon our city.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West this 5th day of April 2022.


Teri Johnston, Mayor


Clayton Lopez, District VI