



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Carl received his first guitar from Sears and taught himself to play, beginning a lifelong passion for music; and

WHEREAS, through the years, he earned the nickname "**Caffeine Carl**" from the late Steve Mello in recognition of his boundless energy and exceptional musical talent; and

WHEREAS, Carl's love for his island home never wavered, and for decades he shared his music, spirit, and unmistakable personality with residents and visitors alike, becoming a beloved fixture of the Key West community; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2026, Key West lost one of its most cherished musicians with Carl's passing. Although he is no longer with us, his music, friendship, and enduring legacy continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him and in the spirit of the island he loved.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Danise Henriquez**, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the entire city commission do hereby proclaim that **July 12** shall forever be known as

CAFFEINE CARL DAY

in the "**Southernmost City of the Continental United States**," and urge all residents and visitors to join in remembering and celebrating the life, music, and lasting legacy of this uniquely talented and beloved Key West musician.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Key West, Florida, to be affixed this 8th day of August, 2026.


Danise Henriquez
Mayor, City of Key West

