



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Jimmy Buffett's impact on Key West extends from its cultural identity to its economic vitality, embedding the essence of the island's laid-back lifestyle into the global consciousness through his music and entrepreneurial ventures; his legacy in Key West is celebrated by locals and fans worldwide, and from his Island beginnings at Crazy Ophelia's, Howie's Lounge, the Chart Room and Captain Tony's, he spread the word about Key West and our special Island lifestyle out to the mainland and on to the world; and

WHEREAS, from the start of his career Jimmy Buffett recognized Key West for the paradise it always has been, and dedicated his life and career to representing the legendary Key West lifestyle in song and performance to the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Buffett's dedication to environmental stewardship, particularly his work with the Save the Manatee Club, illustrates a deep commitment to the Florida Keys' natural environment. His efforts have not only raised awareness but have also led to tangible conservation actions, such as the establishment of manatee protection measures. This commitment to the environment, combined with his musical influence, has fostered a greater appreciation and responsible stewardship of the unique ecological and wildlife resources in Key West and the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, these feats of beloved artistry, gentlemen piracy, and consistent strength of character by Jimmy Buffett are recognized by Key West and the Conch Republic as embodying and exemplifying our Island and Island Nation's native spirit of creativity, culture, respect for one another and our natural world, and Key West's official city philosophy of One Human Family; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy's contributions to helping Key Westers, our coral reef, and our wildlife and animals both on land and water, has earned him recognition as a true Favorite Son of the Conch Republic, he joins a group of amazing people whose lives have been models for representing and furthering the spirit and lifestyle of Key West and the Conch Republic spirit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim Monday, December 25th as

JIMMY BUFFETT FAVORITE SON OF THE CONCH REPUBLIC DAY

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 this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 14th day of December 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor