



WHEREAS, Albert Kee was born and raised in Key West Florida on January 5, 1942, became a minister, goodwill ambassador, Bishop and one of Key West's most recognizable figures with his conch shell blowing prowess, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Kee began as a boy, joining his father, other family members and other families such as the Warhaws, Gallaghers and others who sold their wares from the sea at their beloved city's Southernmost Point, and

WHEREAS, Reverend Albert Kee kept alive a tradition that paid homage to the history he was born into, and the legacy of his family and others, and kept alive the tradition not only to his own family's heritage, but to the shared history of all of the families as mentioned, who made our city's official Southernmost Point an historical landmark, and

WHEREAS, a statue honoring Bishop Kee, what he stood for as a man and a native citizen of Key West, and all of the families who were once fixtures at the former "colored beach," will be erected in recognition of this day will give life and pride to a part of our collective history that has been all but omitted, and we desire to revive and preserve that history, by making it known to all who live here and visit here, and honor a man whom everyone loved and who symbolizes and embodies that history, that it shall not die.

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 7th day, of the month of March, 2015 as

BISHOP ALBERT KEE 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 the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 3rd day of March 2015.

Clayton Lopez, District VI Commissioner

Teri Johnston, District V Commissioner

Jimmy Weekley, District I Commissioner

Mark Rossi, District II Commissioner

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Craig Cates, Mayor