




MEMORANDUM

Date: January 11, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Albert P. Childress
City Manager 

Subject: **City of Key West Recognition Award to Velma Christian**

Introduction

Request that Velma Christian be recognized by the City Commission for her volunteerism and dedication to Scouting, specifically in the Buccaneer District, which serves the Florida Keys and Key West.

Background

Ms. Christian has been a Volunteer for Scouting since 1970, during which she has served in multiple positions within her Pack, Troop, Sea Scouting Ship, and District. Velma has led the district as a roundtable commissioner, secretary, member of the FOS Committee, Cub Training Chairman, and recognition banquet chair. In 1980 the South Florida Council recognized her great dedication with the Silver Beaver Award, and furthermore named the 2006 Class of Eagle Scouts in her honor.

In addition to her dedication to Scouting, Velma is active with her church, where she has been a Sunday School Teacher for more than 30 Years. She is active with the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority as a past officer and has served as the chairman for several events.

Velma is also active in multiple leagues and clubs in the community, including the Bowling League, Southernmost Country Dance Club, the Lower Keys Heart Council, and she is President of the Edward B. and Joan T. Knight Foundation. Her level of activity and dedication to the Florida Keys and Key West is praiseworthy. She earned her Honorary Conch Certificate in 1985.