



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Canon John H. Reece, Jr. became the rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Key West, Fl in 1950, and remained until 1975; and

WHEREAS, during the 25 years in Key West, he left an indelible mark on the parishioners as well as the citizens of the city; and

WHEREAS, he was fondly known as Father Reece and was respected as a dedicated priest, community leader and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Father Reece was extremely effective with the youth of the church and community, working diligently with the Sunday School, acolytes, youth choir and summer school students; and

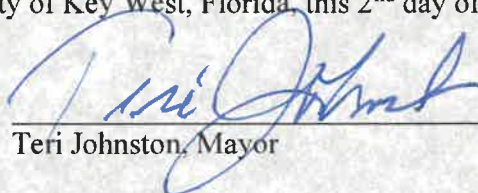
WHEREAS, he strongly believed in education, therefore, he took it upon himself and at his own expense, to establish a "summer school" for children in the community. As the only instructor, he broadened their educational experiences and supplemented their education in the basic subjects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim May 6th as

CANON JOHN H. REECE, JR. DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" and 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 2nd day of May 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor