



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, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
April 6, 2013 as

Father Canon John H. Reece, Jr. 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 2nd day of April 2013.

Craig Cates, MAYOR