



COMMENDATION

FOR

Mrs. Joan Higgs

Joan Higgs has dedicated her professional life to the practice of nursing and the concern of the general health and well-being of her community. She believes in and always has been a team player, as cited by Steve Mason, who himself saw disparate health access in the Bahama Village section of our city, and gave Joan a stethoscope and told her to fix it. She has taken care of our community through her profession, with her warm and healing spirit.

Joan has been an advocate for social justice for all regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation. She stands for those who may not stand for themselves.

Joan was one of the founding members of the Metropolitan Community Church, and continues to serve on its board and its ministries. Selfless community service seems to be the hallmark of who she is.

Joan is experienced at conscience building and has gone the extra mile to do so, in the case of one particular Commissioner. She has always been able to see the big picture, especially where there is concern for improving the human condition, which is what she spent her life developing skills at and working to improve.

There are so many more accomplishments and many more stories to be told about this fascinating, compassionate and caring lady, especially upon her retirement as Public Health Nursing Director. We know that her work in our community is far from done and by no means is this the last we will hear of her. We are indeed happy that this is the case and wish her well in this new phase of her life.

In recognition of this honor the City of Key West hereby presents this
Commendation to:

Joan Higgs

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 2nd day of June 2015

Commissioner Clayton Lopez, Dist. 6