



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Whiteside has served as a dedicated public health leader for over 40 years, including nearly four decades with the Florida Department of Health, including as the Medical Director for the Florida Department of Health in Monroe County since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Whiteside has been a champion for public health, playing a vital role in managing and responding to numerous disease outbreaks, including flu, H1N1, Zika, HIV, Dengue, and others, preventing untold numbers of illnesses and saving countless lives; and

WHEREAS, his expertise in infectious and tropical diseases, as well as his research and clinical work with HIV, AIDS, and arboviruses such as Dengue, have had an immeasurable impact on the health and well-being of residents in Key West and throughout Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Whiteside has continually exemplified the highest standards of leadership, compassion, and dedication, serving as a pillar of strength in our community's public health response; and

WHEREAS, his lifelong commitment to both the health of our community and the environment embodies the spirit of service that is cherished in the City of Key West;

WHEREAS, alongside his Medical Doctorate, Dr. Whiteside also holds a Master's in Public Health from the University of Miami and has made significant contributions to public health in South Florida through his research, clinical work, and unwavering commitment to advancing community health;

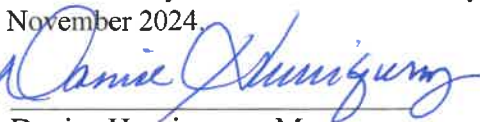
WHEREAS, in addition to his public health work, Dr. Whiteside is an avid birdwatcher and environmental advocate, understanding the critical importance of environmental sustainability and contributing to efforts to preserve and protect the natural beauty and biodiversity of our region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2024, as

DR. WHITESIDE DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate his extraordinary contributions to public health and environmental sustainability in our community.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 14th day of November 2024.


Danise Henriquez Mayor

Clayton Lopez Vice Mayor

