



WHEREAS, The Frederick Douglass School Black Educators' Memorial Project, Inc. was organized and established on November 2010 in Key West, Florida, by a group of individuals who had concern about the wellbeing of the members of the community who were of African/Bahamian/Cuban Descent and about the legacy of the Frederick Douglass School that was founded in 1871; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Steering Team of The Frederick Douglass School Black Educators' Memorial Project, Inc. established programs for the elders, children, and families using the Memorial Project to provoke cooperation, communication, and conviction so that community pride would be engendered among its members; and

WHEREAS, one of their programs, THE SACRED CIRCLE OF ELDERS PROJECT was established in a ceremony on December 10, 2010, where all elders of African/Bahamian/Cuban American descent were called to make a commitment to supporting the young people of the community with five (5) elders present; and

WHEREAS, On December 10, 2011, The Frederick Douglass School Black Educators' Memorial Project, Inc. inducted forty-two (42) additional elders into the SACRED CIRCLE OF ELDERS; and

WHEREAS, On December 8, 2012, The Frederick Douglass School Black Educators' Memorial Project, Inc honors again all of the elders and celebrates them as the "WISDOM KEEPERS" of our community and the guardians of our culture and traditions, and asks them to once again make a commitment to pass the "torch of wisdom" to the younger generations present and those to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, and I, Clayton Lopez, District VI Commissioner, in the City of Key West, Florida, do hereby proclaim the day of
December 8, 2012 as

SACRED CIRCLE OF ELDERS DAY

In the city of Key West, State of Florida, and encourage every person of African/Bahamian/Cuban American descent to cherish this opportunity to honor all of the elders of their community.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of December 2012.

Clayton Lopez, D6 City Commissioner

Craig Cates, MAYOR