



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard was established as The Revenue Cutter Service on August 4, 1790 and served as the nation's only armed force on the sea until Congress launched the Navy Department eight years later.

WHEREAS, The Coast Guard has been operating in Key West protecting the nation's interests since Key West was designated a Port of Entry into the United States in 1823 even prior to the City's incorporation in January 1828.

WHEREAS, The first lighthouse was built in the United States in 1716, followed by the first lighthouse in Key West in 1825 after recommended to Congress in 1824 by Commander Mathew Perry and operated under the United States Lighthouse Establishment created in 1798, which eventually experienced transition to Lighthouse Board in 1852, then United States Lighthouse service in 1910 and merged with the United States Coast Guard in 1939.

WHEREAS, U.S. Coast Guard Lieutenant Stanley Parker served to establish the U. S. Naval Air Station Key West in 1917 serving as the first commanding officer on Trumbo Point.

WHEREAS, The Coast Guard has long been an inseparable part of our Key West community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West do hereby proclaim  
August 4<sup>th</sup> as

### **“United States Coast Guard Day”**

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States”.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 3rd day of August 2021.

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Teri Johnston  
Mayor