



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Torrence arrived in Key West as a young pastor with a vision of an all-inclusive and welcoming church in July of 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, Metropolitan Community Church of Key West was meeting at the Key West Women's Club, but "the people had a mind to work," and under Pastor Torrence's leadership, purchased the property in their beautiful current location at 1215 Petronia Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve's benevolence (and that of the MCCKW congregation) has served the Key West community well with its food pantry, cooking with love, feeding the needy and the elderly and infirmed, which now serves 250 meals weekly; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Steve has secured donors to assist with rental assistance, utilities, medication and several other basic human needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Torrence came to the KWPD in 1986, as a Reserve Officer, sworn in as a full-time officer in 1999, retired in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Steve served as Department Chaplain and does so to this day... has delivered the invocation on the floor of United States Congress; and

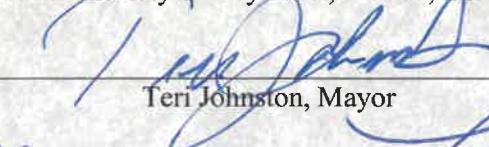
**WHEREAS**, Rev. Steve has dedicated his life to showing compassion for those in need, and advocacy for justice and equality.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby recognize

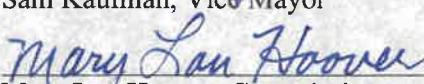
### REVEREND, CHAPLIN, OFFICER STEVE TORRENCE

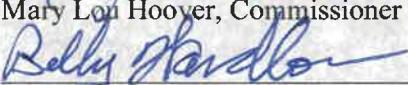
as a model citizen in the City of Key West. We acknowledge that his giving nature is an inspiration and guide, driven by his kindness and support that has impacted so many lives in his church, our Police Department, and the Community at Large.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

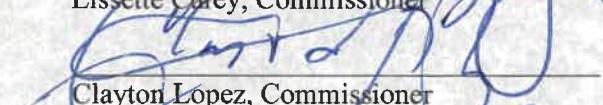
  
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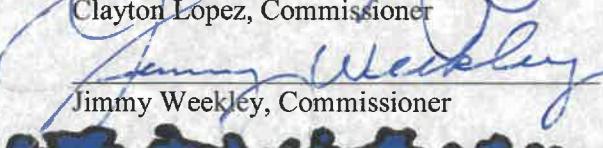
  
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