



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, MIKE FORSTER served as a Monroe County Commissioner, an Islamorada Village Council member, a Board Members of United Way of Collier and Keys, and a beloved member of the Florida Keys Community; and

WHEREAS, “Mangrove Mike” was known for his generous spirit and concern for others, demonstrated through his efforts to feed Key West and communities throughout the Keys during the COVID-19 pandemic and following Hurricane Irma, by helping children and animals in need, and through his commitment to the ocean and marine life; and

WHEREAS, MIKE FORSTER worked tirelessly to protect and improve his community in any way he could, organizing food giveaways, hosting MARC clients for dinner and a dance at Mangrove Mikes, preparing lunches for the Boys and Girls Club for their annual trip to Miami, and through unwavering support for law enforcement and veterans; and

WHEREAS, MIKE FORSTER believed in “paying it forward,” sharing goodwill and generosity through random acts of kindness, and seeking to improve the world around him in any way he could; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Teri Johnston, and the City Commission of Key West, Florida do hereby proclaim the **21st day of October, 2022** as

“BE LIKE MIKE DAY”

In the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States.” We invite and urge all residents and visitors of Key West to perform random acts of kindness, share goodwill and generosity, and participate in activities planned throughout the week of October 17-21, 2022 in support of the United Way of Collier and the Keys, and especially by helping to “Feed the Keys” by donating non-perishable items to local food pantries on Friday, October 21st.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of October, 2022.

Teri Johnston, Mayor