



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a proud Conch, Flora Barroso Rueda was born on July 14, 1920 on Bahama Street (also known as Chicken Alley), and she graduated from the Convent of Mary Immaculate High School in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Flora Barroso Rueda met and married Evelio “Skippy” Rueda, and they were married for 70 years, raising a fine family that now includes three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Flora Barroso Rueda has been a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, and a member of the Saint Mary’s Star of the Sea Catholic Church Choir for more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, Flora Barroso Rueda founded the ‘Conch Ladies,’ who continue to meet on Wednesdays for social gatherings at different restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Flora Barroso Rueda has served the citizens of Key West over many decades as a dedicated poll worker, by providing musical entertainment for senior citizens at the rehabilitation center, as a fine artist, and as godmother to Commissioner Jimmy Weekley; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission urges residents and visitors alike to celebrate the 102nd birthday of mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, public servant, musician and renowned Conch Flora Barroso Rueda.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim
July 14, 2022 as

FLORA BARROSO RUEDA DAY

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States”. I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation, on July 14, 2022.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 14th day of July, 2022.

Teri Johnston, Mayor

Jimmy Weekley, Commissioner