



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ROOSEVELT SANDS, JR., was born in Key West in 1930, into a respected family of community leaders, who have over generations advocated for civil rights, housing, healthcare and employment opportunities for African Americans and the Bahama Village community; and

WHEREAS, ROOSEVELT SANDS, JR. served honorably during the Korean Conflict, and for many years as a Sergeant in the Army Reserves, and at 91 years of age, is still known affectionately by many as “Sarge”; and

WHEREAS, ROOSEVELT SANDS, JR. worked as an occupational specialist at Key West High School for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, ROOSEVELT SANDS, JR. over decades of public service, has mentored countless youth, shared his wealth of Key West history, and served the City as a member of the District VI historic naming committee; and

WHEREAS, ROOSEVELT SANDS, JR. served on the Key West Housing Authority Board from 1970 to 2022, as a champion for safe, affordable and essential public housing; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the example and the guidance of ROOSEVELT SANDS, Jr. and the Sands family, several generations of Conchs have grown to become educators and legislators, striving to make the world a safer and more just place; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Teri Johnston, Commissioner Clayton Lopez and the City Commission of Key West, Florida do hereby proclaim
the **1st day of October, 2022** as

Roosevelt Sands, Jr. Day

In the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States.” We invite and urge all citizens, residents and visitors of Key West to acknowledge this living treasure of our island family

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 7th day of September, 2022.

Teri Johnston, Mayor

Clayton Lopez, Commissioner