



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the members of William Weech American Legion Post 168 support a mission to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military and our community by devotion to mutual helpfulness; and

WHEREAS, the William Weech American Legion Post 168 was chartered in 1946, and has served veterans and active military residents and visitors to Key West for more than 76 years; and

WHEREAS, the William Weech American Legion Post 168 broke ground for its home at 803 Emma Street on August 25, 1951, during the era of segregation, and in partnership with the VFW Walter R. Mickens Post 6021, served as host to more than ten thousand black military personnel deployed in the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, black service members hold an essential role in the success of the United State military, shaping the successful outcome of individual missions, and paving the way for progress towards achieving equality in the armed forces and American society; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2022, the William Weech American Legion Post 168 hosted a Historic Marker Unveiling Ceremony and celebration of the post, and its facilities for the public; and

WHEREAS, the William Weech American Legion Post 168 continues to support the military, U.S. veterans and the community through ongoing services and events;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West and the entire City Commission of Key West, Florida, do hereby recognize the new historical marker, and the work of members of the

WILLIAM WEECH AMERICAN LEGION POST 168

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

Teri Johnston, Mayor