



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Schooner Wolf was commissioned Flagship of the Conch Republic 39 years ago with the support of founding Prime Minister, Mayor Dennis Wardlow, and proudly flies the flag of our island nation on Humanitarian, Goodwill Ambassador & Cultural Exchange Voyages; and

WHEREAS, a Key West icon since 1984, was built in Florida by Capt. Finbar Gittelman to resemble the majestic ships sailing the Florida Straits in the 19th Century and brings to life our rich and colorful maritime history; and

WHEREAS, Disaster Relief Missions have carried 80+ tons of donated relief cargo to islanders in need throughout the Caribbean and The Bahamas, including Key West's Sister City / Island, Green Turtle Cay; and

WHEREAS, is committed to teaching the ancient art of sail to all ages, providing internships at sea, and mentoring those wishing to attain their captain's license and seek maritime careers; and

WHEREAS, serves as Flagship of WHALE Center Waves of Change and PeaceVision, and strives to create positive change through education, peacekeeping, music, art, storytelling, and sail; and

WHEREAS, continues to introduce new generations to the wondrous world of sail, share Key West's 'Live and Let Live' and 'One Human Family' values to those they meet in her homeport and while traveling the high seas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim April 18, 2023 as

SCHOONER WOLF DAY

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States."

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 18th day of April, 2023.

Teri Johnston, Mayor

Billy Wardlow, Commissioner