

# Proclamation

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



*WHEREAS*, Maurice A. Ferré, born on June 23, 1935 in Ponce, Puerto Rico passed away September 19, 2019;

*WHEREAS*, Maurice A. Ferré was a loving family man and an American politician who served in the Florida House of Representatives; as the City of Miami Mayor from 1975 to 1985; on the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners; and lastly, worked as a banker, business consultant and held various research and teaching posts;

*WHEREAS*, Maurice A. Ferré was the first Puerto Rican-born United States Mayor and the first Hispanic Mayor of Miami; and

*WHEREAS*, despite the challenging period as City of Miami Mayor marked by the Mariel boatlift and five days of the worst racial riots since the 1960s; Former Mayor Maurice A. Ferré has left a far-reaching imprint on his adopted city; and

*WHEREAS*, will be remembered by City dignitaries, family members and residents as a pioneering and charismatic Mayor who took political risks and pushed Miami to live up to its potential as a cosmopolitan City; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Miami was his passion and his progressive agenda and legacy will live on for decades to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL W. DAVEY, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAINE, FLORIDA, IN VIEW OF HIS POSITIVE EXAMPLE, DO HEREBY ISSUE THIS PROCLAMATION TO MEMORIALIZE OUR GRATITUDE FOR MAURICE A. FERRÉ AND HIS NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN ENRICHING THE PUBLIC LIFE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAINE THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.

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MAYOR MICHAEL W. DAVEY