ESTABLISHING THE KEY LARGO
CORAL REEF PRESERVE

By the President of the United States
of America
A Proclamation

WHEREAS there is situated seaward from the coast of Key Largo, Florida, an undersea coral reef formation which is part of the only living coral reef formation along the coast of North America; and

WHEREAS this unique coral formation and its associated marine life are of great scientific interest and value to students of the sea; and

WHEREAS this coral reef is considered to be one of the most beautiful formations of its kind in the world; and

WHEREAS the reef is being subjected to commercial exploitation and is in danger of destruction; and

WHEREAS it is in the public interest to preserve this formation of great scientific and esthetic importance for the benefit and enjoyment of the people; and

WHEREAS a portion of this reef lies inside the three-mile limit in the area relinquished to the State of Florida by the United States through the Submerged Lands Act, approved May 22, 1953 (67 Stat. 29; 43 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.), and the remainder lies on the sea bed of the outer Continental Shelf outside the seaward boundary of the State of Florida and appertains to the United States, as declared by the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, approved August 7, 1953 (67 Stat. 462; 43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.); and

WHEREAS the United States and the State of Florida are desirous of cooperating for the purpose of preserving the scenic and scientific values of this area unimpaired for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS by the terms of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act the United States has jurisdiction over the lands of the outer Continental Shelf and has the exclusive right to dispose of the natural
resources of the sea bed and subsoil thereof; and

WHEREAS section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act authorizes the President to withdraw from disposition any of the unleased lands of the outer Continental Shelf; and

WHEREAS section 5 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules and regulations for the conservation of the natural resources of the outer Continental Shelf and to cooperate with the conservation agencies of adjacent States in the enforcement of conservation laws, rules, and regulations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States, particularly section 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, do proclaim that, subject to valid existing rights, the following-described area is designated as the Key Largo Coral Reef Preserve, and so much thereof as lies on the outer Continental Shelf is withdrawn from disposition:

That portion of the outer Continental Shelf situated seaward of a line three geographic miles from Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida, lying and being within the following described area:

BEGINNING at a point on the 60-foot depth curve (10-fathom line) as delineated on Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart 1249 (approximate Latitude 25°17′36″ N., Longitude 80°10′00″ W.), 200 yards southeast of Flashing White Light—Whistle Buoy "2"; thence northwesterly approximately 7,000 yards through Whistle Buoy "2" to Can Buoy "21" (approximate Latitude 25°20′06″ N., Longitude 80°12′36″ W.) southeast of Old Rhodes Key; thence southwesterly about 6,900 yards to Can Buoy "25"; thence southwesterly approximately 5,500 yards to Can Buoy "27"; thence southwesterly approximately 5,000 yards to Flashing Green Light "31BH" in Hawk Channel southeast of Point Elizabeth; thence southwesterly approximately 10,650 yards to Black Day Beacon "33" in Hawk Channel east of Point Willie; thence southwesterly approximately 9,800 yards to Flashing White Light "35" on Mosquito Bank east of Point Charles; thence
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WHEREAS cancer, an increasing threat to the health and well-being of