

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY
WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING
AMENDMENT NO. 1, TITLED
"FLORIDA WATER AND LAND
CONSERVATION - DEDICATES FUNDS
TO ACQUIRE AND RESTORE FLORIDA
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
LAND," ON THE GENERAL ELECTION
BALLOT OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014;
URGING RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, State revenues from documentary stamp excise taxes on real estate transactions were historically directed towards the Land Trust Acquisition Fund (LATF), and used to support outdoor recreation areas and protect important natural resources in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, according to Florida's Water and Land Legacy, Inc., the Legislature has slashed such funding for conservation programs by more than 95 percent since 2009; and

WHEREAS, on the November 4, 2014 ballot, the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Amendment 1, offers voters an opportunity to approve a constitutional amendment which will require the dedication of 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents to the Land

Acquisition Trust Fund, for use to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands; and

WHEREAS, continued budget cuts are putting Florida's vital natural resources in serious jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, members of the City Commission recognize that the health, safety and economy of the City of Key West, and the State of Florida, is dependent on support and unwavering efforts to conserve, manage and restore Florida's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, members of the City Commission find that approval by the voters of the Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment (Amendment 1) would provide the State with a dedicated source of land and water conservation funding, without imposing additional taxes, for a period of 20 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Key West City Commission hereby supports the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative - Amendment 1.

Section 2: That the City Commission encourages its residents, and citizens throughout the State of Florida, to support Amendment 1—the Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment, as it appears on the General Election ballot of November 4, 2014.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2014.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2014.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Mark Rossi	_____
Commissioner Teri Johnston	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____
Commissioner Tony Yaniz	_____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK