RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DIRECTING STAFF TO HIRE A BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR FOR FY16; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Key West has the second highest percentage of bicycle commuters in the nation; and

WHEREAS, completion of the southernmost section of the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail has increased bicycle and pedestrian traffic by 165% over the last four years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West has also been #1 out of 97 Florida Cities in bicycle injuries, and wavered between 1_{st} and 12_{th} for pedestrian injuries for over a decade;

WHEREAS, according to the City of Key West's Greenhouse Gas Baseline, transportation amounts to 28% of our community's emissions; and

WHEREAS, increasing a transportation mode shift away from motor vehicles is a key element to many of the actions in the City's 2009 Climate Action Plan and the newly updated 2013 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has signed up for the Mayors Challenge for Safer People & Safer Streets; and

WHEREAS, 42% of tourists seek a green vacation experience and identify green transportation options such as walking, biking and public transit as the number one sign of a green destination according to the Monroe County Tourist Development Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West employed a Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the City's interdepartmental Transportation Coordination Committee has listed a Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator position as one of its top 5 priorities two years in a row; and

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

<u>Section 1</u>: That the position of bicycle/pedestrian coordinator should be filled by a well-informed and trained individual who will be tasked with performing analytical work in identifying problems and finding solutions to reduce bicycle/pedestrian accidents; improving the environment for bicyclists, pedestrians and people with disabilities; and working with various partners, governmental agencies and City Departments to create and implement the Key West Bicycle/Pedestrian Strategic Plan.

Section 2: 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 _____, 2015.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the

Commission on _____day of ____, 2015.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2015.

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

MARK ROSSI, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK