

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE STATED GOALS OF
THE NEWLY-FORMED "COMMITTEE TO RESCUE OUR
HOSPITAL" (CTROH); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Committee to Rescue Our Hospital (CTROH) is a recently organized local grass-roots initiative, not affiliated with city government or the Lower Keys Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, CTROH is seeking assistance from community members, and from the Key West City Commission, to achieve goals stated in a recent advertisement published in local newspapers; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the organization, were stated in the advertisement published in the Key West Citizen on June 30 and July 1, 2016.

WHEREAS, the City Commission supports the stated goals of the CTROH.

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that safe and affordable medical care is vital to the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors of Key West and the Florida Keys.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA gives direction to the City Attorney to investigate and undertake appropriate legal action to:

- * Cause the Lower Keys Medical Center (LKMC) to revert to a community owned and managed facility, or managed by a not-for-profit health care system supervised by community representatives.

- * Obtain audits of LKMC and its operations.

- * Insist that all meetings regarding governance of the LKMC be noticed and open to the public.

- * Insist that the Hospital District Board perform all of the functions delegated to it by the Enabling Act.

- * Insist Lower Keys Medical Center make public their action plan to address the one-star ranking received by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

- *Insist that Lower Keys Medical Center negotiate with Air Methods (LifeNet) to eliminate the problems that have been identified by the Committee.

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 _____, 2016.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission
on _____ day of _____, 2016.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2016.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Richard Payne	_____
Commissioner Margaret Romero	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK