

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTS IN CONCEPT THAT THE CONTINUATION OF ALL PROTECTIONS AND RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, GUARANTEED UNDER LAW AND APPLICABLE ON JANUARY 1, 2017, SHALL CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF THE CITIZENS OF KEY WEST THEREAFTER, WITHOUT REDUCTION OR LIMITATION; URGING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF KEY WEST TO EMBODY AND EXPRESS THE CITY'S OFFICIAL PHILOSOPHY OF "ONE HUMAN FAMILY" BY ACTIVELY CARING ABOUT AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER, AFFIRMING HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESISTING ANY EFFORTS TO DEMONIZE NEIGHBORS, TAKE POLITICAL REVENGE, LEGISLATE DISCRIMINATION OR HATE AND FEAR OF OUR FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the "One Human Family" philosophy represents a commitment to protect the human rights of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, when rights guaranteed under law are threatened or diminished, it is necessary for citizens to protect and defend one another; and

WHEREAS, a core of democracy is the idea that all people can participate in it equally, respectfully, and according to their own unique abilities, and that together we can build a future that will benefit all of us and our posterity; and

WHEREAS, a democratic society excludes no one because that makes the whole weaker; it derides the inherent worth and dignity of no one; and it recognizes, as the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, that "we are all united in an inescapable network of mutuality", and

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges the value of explicitly stating its highest values and intentions on behalf of the Citizens and Residents of Key West; and

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

Section 1: The City Commission affirms its support in concept to ensuring that all protections and rights of United States citizens and residents, individually and collectively, guaranteed under law and applicable on January 1, 2017, shall continue to apply to all citizens, residents, and visitors of the City of Key West, Florida, thereafter without reduction or limitation.

Section 2: That residents and visitors are encouraged to embody and express the City's official philosophy of "One Human

Family" by actively caring about and supporting each other, affirming human rights, and resisting any efforts to demonize neighbors, take political revenge, legislate discrimination, or hate and fear of our fellow members of our community.

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 _____, 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