

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SB 158 AND HB 71 TITLED "VULNERABLE ROAD USER ACT" TO PROVIDE ENHANCED CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS A MOVING VIOLATION THAT CAUSES SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OF A VULNERABLE ROAD USER; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS AND ENACT HB 107 "FLORIDA BAN ON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES WHILE DRIVING LAW" AND SIMILAR SB 76 "FLORIDA DRIVING WHILE DISTRACTED LAW" TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND INCREASE PENALTIES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE THIS RESOLUTION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill 158 and House Bill 71 have been proposed to define "vulnerable road users" and to provide enhanced criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury or death of a vulnerable road user; and

WHEREAS, Florida House Bill (HB) 107 "Florida Ban on Wireless Communications Devices While Driving Law" and similar Senate Bill (SB) 76 "Florida Driving While Distracted Law" are currently in Committee, and would if passed, expand the definition of distracted driving, increase penalties, and alter the allocation of funding from such penalties; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission supports the proposed House and Senate Bills, which could improve the safety of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians in Key West and the State of Florida; 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 urges the Florida Legislature to pass House Bill 71, and similar Senate Bill 158 to define 'vulnerable road users' and to provide criminal penalties for moving violations that cause bodily injury or death of vulnerable road users.

Section 2: That the Key West City Commission urges the Florida Legislature to pass House Bill 107, and companion Senate Bill 76 to expand the definition of distracted driving and increase penalties.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, House Speaker Jose R. Oliva, Senate President Bill Galvano, Senators Simpson (Sponsor of SB 76), Representatives Toledo and Slosberg (Sponsors of HB 107), Senator Baxley (Sponsor of SB 158), Representatives McClain, Stevenson, Slosberg, Stone

(Sponsors of HB 71), Senator Anitere Flores and Representative Holly Raschein.

Section 4: 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK