

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO PROCEED WITH A PROCESS OF CERTIFYING THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RECONNAISSANCE REPORT AND DIRECTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER WIDENING KEY WEST CHANNEL CUT B IS POSSIBLE; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO PURSUE FUNDING FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2007 the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure requested the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to determine whether modifications to the Key West channel were advisable, and the City of Key West requested ACOE to produce a Reconnaissance Study to determine the possibility of widening the Key West Channel to accommodate larger cruise ships; and

WHEREAS, the ACOE report was delivered in November 2010, indicating a significant Federal interest for national economic development in pursuing channel improvements, as well as significant environmental and legal challenges that would have to be addressed prior to any improvements being undertaken; and

WHEREAS, there was a public workshop on this topic on July 15, 2011, to consider the ACOE report, and to educate the public and take public comment;

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

Section 1: That the U.S. Congress is hereby requested to proceed with a process of certifying the ACOE Reconnaissance Report and to commission a feasibility study to determine whether widening Key West Channel Cut B is possible.

Section 2: That City staff is authorized to pursue potential funding from public and private sources for the feasibility study.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the President Barack Obama, Speaker of the House John Boehner, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.

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 _____, 2011.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2011.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2011.

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK