

RESOLUTION NO. 24-002

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PLAN OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CREATE A HURRICANE WORKING GROUP WITH ALL MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WITH MONROE COUNTY, INCLUDING KEY WEST, TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FLORIDA KEYS HURRICANE EVACUATION MODELING PROCESS AND RELATED CONCERNS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR DESIGNEES TO PARTICIPATE IN A MONROE COUNTY HURRICANE WORKING GROUP; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, at a Monroe County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on December 13, 2023, County staff and elected officials discussed the multiple scenarios that Florida Commerce modeled to establish hurricane evacuation "clearance times;" and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 572-2023, the BOCC determined that Key West residents should be included in all modeling and mobile home residents in Monroe should be included in Phase 1 of the evacuation plan; and

WHEREAS, elected officials and county staff members recommend the creation of a Hurricane Working Group, to include all municipalities located within Monroe County, to study the Florida Commerce models, and make recommendations over the coming year regarding evacuation clearance times, and the potential impact of such information on Rate of Growth regulations in Key West and the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that bills related to Florida Keys clearance times, and the allocation of new development allowances, will be placed before the Florida Legislature in 2025, and it is critical that input and accurate information from all stakeholders can be presented and considered in that process; and

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

Section 1: That the City Commission supports the formation of a Hurricane Working Group, to include Monroe County officials, along with representatives of all municipalities located within Monroe County.

Section 2: That the City Manager, or designee(s), are authorized and encouraged to participate in the Monroe County Hurricane Working Group.

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 11th day of January, 2024.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 11th day of January, 2024.

Filed with the Clerk on January 11, 2024.

Mayor Teri Johnston	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lissette Carey	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Yes</u>

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK