

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, NAMING
KIRBY CONGDON AS THE FIRST POET LAUREATE
OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Kirby Congdon, who became a permanent resident of Key West in 1986, has been composing poetry and critical commentary, and publishing the works of important poets (including his own), for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, through his association with Beat poets, including Gregory Corso, and through his own art, especially *Iron Ark*, a defining work of the leather movement, Mr. Congdon has helped to re-shape American poetry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Congdon has shared his talents with the residents of Key West, on stages ranging from the Applerouth Grill to the venerable Monroe County Library, and, of course, through the Key West Poetry Guild; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Congdon's musings have graced the pages of internationally-recognized publications, including the *New York Times*, *The Herald Tribune*, *American Poetry Magazine*, and *Solares Hill*; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that the body of work Mr. Congdon has gathered in his long life constitutes a legacy that merits the title of "Poet Laureate;"

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

Section 1: That Kirby Congdon is hereby named the first
Poet Laureate of the City of Key West, and is accordingly
entitled to all of the benefits and responsibilities of that
important position.

Section 2: 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 _____, 2012.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the
Commission on _____ day of _____, 2012.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2012.

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK