

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, OPPOSING FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 531 AND FLORIDA SENATE BILL 354, WHICH, IF PASSED, WOULD PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LEASEHOLD INTERESTS AND IMPROVEMENT TO LAND OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES, A BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, OR ANY AGENCY OR QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES ARE EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, City staff has received notice that the Florida Legislature is considering HB 531 and SB 354, which would exempt certain leasehold interests and improvements to land owned by the United States or any agency or quasi-governmental agency of the United States from ad valorem taxation on specified circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is concerned about the potentially adverse social and economic impact of HB 531 and SB 354 on the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Key West certain property has been placed under the control of a private for profit entity that has not paid taxes accruing thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Property Appraiser is attempting to collect back taxes from the for profit entity for the benefit of local taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the bills as currently proposed would remove authority for local governments to collect property tax under the circumstances as herein described to the detriment of such taxing

bodies and their constituents.

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 strongly opposes proposed HB 531 and SB 354 and urges its legislators to oppose such measures.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Representative Raschein, Senator Bullard, and Governor Rick Scott and members of the House and Senate leadership.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is further authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, and the Florida League of Cities.

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 _____, 2013.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2013.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2013.

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK