

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, REQUESTING URGENT ACTION BY LOWER KEYS HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND/OR BAPTIST HOSPITAL TO REESTABLISH A CANCER TREATMENT CENTER IN THE CITY OF KEY WEST; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF LKHDB AND BAPTIST HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Key West community lost comprehensive cancer treatment in August of 2023 when the treatment provider entered bankruptcy proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Keys Hospital District Board (LKHDB) and other treatment providers have been discussing the re-establishment of medical oncology and radiation oncology since that time in August of 2023; and

WHEREAS, prior to the closing of the cancer center in Key West in August of 2023, dozens of community members each day would receive either chemotherapy or radiation treatment in Key West. No local services have been made available since that time, although some radiation oncology has been made available in Marathon and Tavernier; and

WHEREAS, some members of the Key West community are unable or unwilling to travel for medical treatment. A lack of medical services locally has tremendously negative health consequences for some community members; and

WHEREAS, there are unconfirmed reports that that Baptist Hospital intends to re-open the cancer center on North Roosevelt Blvd in 2025 but patients should not, and many cannot wait, another year to receive medical or radiation oncology care in Key West; and

WHEREAS, cancer care is an essential service in the City of Key West, and re-establishing a community-based cancer care center would enhance the health, welfare and safety of residents of the City of Key West.

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

Section 1: That the City Commission requests urgent action by Lower Keys Hospital District and/ or Baptist Hospital to reestablish a cancer treatment center in the City of Key West.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to members of the Lower Florida Keys Hospital District Board and to Bo Boulenger, Baptist Health South Florida CEO.

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 _____ day of _____, 2024.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2024.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2024.

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

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK