

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA HEREBY APPROVING THE REQUEST RECEIVED BY THE KEY WEST POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE CONCH REPUBLIC MARINE ARMY (CRMA), A 501-(c)3. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, REQUESTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,400.00 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TRUST FUND (STATE FORFEITURE FUNDS), IN ACCORDANCE WITH F.S. 932.7055(5)(c)3., FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ASSIST CRMA IN PROVIDING TWO (2) STUDENT CLEAN-UP TRIPS FOCUSED ON RESTORING THE MANGROVE ISLANDS AND NEARSHORE WATERS AROUND KEY WEST, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY RELATED DOCUMENTS, BUDGET TRANSFERS AND/OR ADJUSTMENTS, UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Conch Republic Marine Army (CRMA) was born from the wreckage left by Hurricane Irma in 2017, starting with a Facebook post asking neighbors for help in removing a couch left sticking out of the mangroves after the hurricane passed; and

WHEREAS, what started then as a small band of friends helping neighbors is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a single mission: to clean, protect and restore the precious marine habitats of the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with F.S. 923.7055(c)3., Florida Statutes, the Key West Police Department received a request from the Conch Republic Marine Army (CRMA) requesting a donation of \$2,400.00 from the Key West Police Department's State Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund Account to assist the CRMA in providing two (2) student cleanups focused on restoring the

mangrove islands and nearshore waters around Key West by covering the purchase of safety equipment, cleanup supplies and coordination of transportation support to safely transport the students out to nearshore waters; and

WHEREAS, the student cleanups will not only remove debris from our sensitive mangrove habitats but also help prevent future dumping by increasing visibility, fostering community engagement and educational environmental awareness among young students to continue the mission of CRMA to keep our nearshore waters safe and clean; and

WHEREAS, the Key West Police Department believes the donation requested by the Conch Republic Marine Army satisfies the requirements of F.S. 932.7055(5)(c)3., which reads as follows; and

*"3. Any local law enforcement agency that acquires at least \$15,000 pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act within a fiscal year must expend or donate no less than 25 percent of such proceeds for the support or operation of any drug treatment, drug abuse education, drug prevention, crime prevention, safe neighborhood, or school resource officer program or programs. The local law enforcement agency has the discretion to determine which program, or programs will receive the designated proceeds."*

WHEREAS, the requested funds are available in the Key West Police Department's State Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund Account 172-2111-521-8200; and

WHEREAS, the Key West Police Department is requesting the City Commission approve the donation of \$2,400.00 from the Key West Police Department's State Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund to assist CRMA in providing two (2) student cleanups of the mangrove islands and nearshore waters around the City of Key West, Florida, in accordance with F.S. 932.7055(c)3., Florida Statutes;

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

Section 1: That the City Commission hereby approves the request received by the Key West Police Department from the Conch Republic Marine Army (CRMA) for a donation in the amount of \$2,400.00 from the Key West Police Department's State Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund to assist the CRMA in providing two (2) student cleanup trips focused on restoring the mangrove island and nearshore waters around Key West, in accordance with F.S. 932.7055(c)3., Florida Statutes.

Section 2.: That the City Commission finds that funds for the requested donation are available in the Key West Police Department's Law Enforcement Officers Trust Fund Account No. 172-2111-521-8200.

Section 3.: That the City Commission hereby authorizes the execution of necessary related documents, budget transfers and/or adjustments, upon the advice and consent of the City Attorney.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Greg Veliz	_____

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DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK