

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING
RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO COMPLETE AND
RETURN THEIR CENSUS SURVEY TO THE U.S.
CENSUS BUREAU THROUGH THE CENSUS.GOV
WEBSITE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency, is mandated to count the population of the United States and five U.S. territories; and

WHEREAS, the census provides critical data that is used to provide services, products, and to allocate billions of dollars in federal funding for hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data; and

WHEREAS, the results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts; and

WHEREAS, by Federal law, the Census Bureau cannot release any individually identifiable information about people, homes, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies. The answers provided are used only to produce statistics; and

WHEREAS, from now through the month of September, Census enumerators are visiting housing units in Key West and Monroe County in person, to collect field data from those who may not have completed a questionnaire online, and for quality assurance purposes, to confirm data that has been reported; 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 urges all residents and visitors to complete a census survey online through the "Census.gov" website, and to assist census enumerators in the field, as they work to provide a comprehensive and accurate population count that will impact elections and funding allocations for the next decade.

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 _____, 2020.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2020.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2020.

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

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK