

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO COLLABORATE WITH THE MONROE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES CONTINUUM-OF-CARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVENING A HOMELESS SUMMIT BETWEEN STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES, NONPROFIT AGENCIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO BE HELD IN EARLY 2014 AFTER THE JANUARY POINT-IN-TIME COUNTY-WIDE HOMELESS COUNT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is committed to addressing the challenges presented by chronic homelessness and desires to develop partnerships with other stakeholders to discern strategies to reduce chronic homelessness in Key West and Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the federal government and State of Florida have designated the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care as the lead agency for the planning of homeless services; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care is to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness by facilitating the Continuum-of-Care process in Monroe County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the development or expansion of homeless services should be based upon a comprehensive needs assessment that includes reliable and detailed data on the actual number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons in Key West and Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care will facilitate a 24-hour homeless point-in-time count on January 28, 2014 and issue a detailed report on the homeless population and demographics; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Conflict Resolution Center serves as an independent public resource facilitating consensus solutions and supporting collaborative action under the auspices of Florida State University; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Conflict Resolution Center is committed to providing a range of services to help leaders and stakeholders build common ground and then craft and implement joint solutions; and

WHEREAS, the board of directors and member organizations of the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care have communicated to the Key West City Commission a desire to work more collaboratively with the City of Key West and other stakeholders to address chronic homelessness and its related challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Conflict Resolution Center has a strong record of helping agencies and organizations with collaboration and have seen stakeholders with diverse perspectives and personalities, move past their positions and differences to collaborate in seeking common ground and solutions.

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

Section 1: The City Manager is directed to collaborate with the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care for the planning of a 2014 homeless summit.

Section 2: The City Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Monroe County Homeless Services Continuum-of-Care, is directed to engage a mediator from the Florida Conflict Resolution Center to serve as a neutral facilitator of the homeless summit.

Section 3: Staff is directed to actively participate in the planning and execution of the January 28th homeless point-in-time count.

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 _____ day of _____, 2013.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2013.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Mark Rossi	_____
Commissioner Teri Johnston	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____
Commissioner Tony Yaniz	_____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK