

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT HOME RULE FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO GOVERNOR DeSANTIS, AND MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in recent years, the Florida Legislature has acted to restrict cities and counties from legislating on subjects ranging from vacation rentals to the distribution of plastic bags at local stores; and

WHEREAS, increasingly members of the Florida Legislature fail to recognize that different cities are differently situated, and it is reasonable for cities to pass ordinances that apply to the unique conditions within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, a current example of state legislators seeking to deny the will of local voters at the expense of the environment is proposed SB 426/HB 267 which would preempt to the state the regulation of commerce in seaports; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bills appear to have been brought forward in direct response to three local referendums passed by more than 60 percent of the voters in the City of Key West in November 2020. (The FL bills, still in committee, are opposed by the Florida Ports Council as well); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the Florida Legislature's efforts to limit home rule conflicts with the rights and ability of local government and local voters to protect and improve their own community and the environment; and

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

Section 1: That the recitals and findings contained in the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. That the City Commission for the City of Key West urges the Florida Legislature to support home rule within municipalities, with an understanding that local voters and legislators enact ordinances and referendums with an important and unique understanding of the best interests of their community.

Section 3. That the City Commission further directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Hon. Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, the South Florida Legislative delegation, Sen. Wilton Simpson, President of the Florida Senate and Rep. Chris Sprowls, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

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 _____, 2021.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2021.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2021.

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