

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING
KEYS ACTION TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF DENGUE
CLEAN-UP WEEKEND APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2011;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Health Department launched the Keys Action to Break the Cycle of Dengue community partnership on January 25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, dengue is a mosquito-borne illness with no vaccine or remedy that, although not normally life-threatening, can cause severe fever, pain and rash for extended periods of time and pose a particular threat to overall public health; and

WHEREAS, dengue is currently being experienced in epidemic proportions in tropical and subtropical regions around the world; and

WHEREAS, public health officials confirmed a total of 93 cases of dengue acquired in Key West during 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, public health officials have yet to confirm any cases of dengue acquired in Key West in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Florida Keys Mosquito Control officials discovered during a random inspection of Key West properties in late 2010 the presence of the species of mosquito that can carry dengue on 1 in 5 properties surveyed; and

WHEREAS, one of the best ways to minimize the spread of dengue and protect public health is to eliminate standing water where potentially hazardous mosquitoes can reproduce; and

WHEREAS, Keys ABCD partners want every member of the community to play his or her part in eliminating reservoirs for standing water where potentially hazardous mosquitoes can reproduce.

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

Section 1: That the Mayor of the Key West City Commission has declared April 29 to May 1, 2011, as Keys Action to Break the Cycle of Dengue Clean-Up Weekend in the City Of Key West.

Section 2: That the Key West City Commission urges all property owners and occupants in the City of Key West to:

- Take at least 15 minutes during the weekend to survey property for potential reservoirs of standing water, including, but not limited to, cisterns, flower pots and trivets, vases, garbage cans, recycling bins, fountains, children's pools, children's toys, boats and other watercraft, ashtrays, cups, bottles;
- Eliminate any standing water that may be present;
- Ensure that these reservoirs of standing water are adjusted so that they do not retain water in future, either by turning them over, covering them, securing them in

shelters free from rain or drilling drainage holes in the bottom of the reservoir;

-Encourage friends, relatives and neighbors to do the same in the best interest of minimizing the number of potentially hazardous mosquitoes and protecting public health.

Section 3: That the Key West City Commission encourages all individuals to take these steps throughout the year for the safety and welfare of our community.

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 _____, 2011.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2011.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2011.

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK