

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO BAN THE USE OF HERBICIDES CONTAINING GLYPHOSATE BY THE CITY OF KEY WEST, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CITY CONTRACTORS, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE WORK ON ALL CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES AND ALL PUBLIC PROPERTY UNDER THE CITY'S CONTROL; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MONROE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, glyphosate is an herbicide that is applied to kill both broadleaf plants and grasses; and

WHEREAS, while the United States Environmental Protection Agency considers glyphosate "not likely to be carcinogenic to humans," the International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans"; and

WHEREAS, numerous lawsuits have been filed in state and federal courts across the country alleging that exposure to herbicide products containing glyphosate is associated with increased instances of cancer; and

WHEREAS, researchers studying the impact of glyphosate on water quality have discovered a potential link between glyphosate and harmful blue-green algal blooms; and

WHEREAS, runoff from the use of herbicides containing glyphosate may be contributing to the growth of blue-green algae in waters surrounding South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that healthy soils serve as the foundation for vibrant ecosystems and pest-resistant plant life; and

WHEREAS, the use of pesticides has been known or suspected to cause serious health problems is not necessary to grow and maintain green lawns, recreational facilities and ornamental landscapes, given the availability of viable alternative practices and products; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission seeks to use landscaping best management practices, reducing the risk to human health and the environment by minimizing the use of pesticides and emphasizing proven, effective least-toxic, and non-toxic approaches and products; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, recreation, and general welfare of the residents of the City of Key West and the Florida Keys to ban the use of herbicides containing glyphosate in all City-owned properties; 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 finding 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 directs the City Manager to take all actions necessary to ban the use of herbicides containing glyphosate by the City, including but not limited to City contractors, in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work in all City-owned properties and all public properties under the City's control.

Section 3. That the City Commission further directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Agriculture, the Florida League of Cities, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, the Monroe County School Board and all municipalities in Monroe County.

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 _____, 2019.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2019.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2019.

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