

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S LONGSTANDING ONE SHIP POLICY; REQUESTING VOLUNTARY COOPERATION FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY IN CONSIDERING LOCAL VOTER REFERENDA, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND POLICIES CONCERNING LARGE CRUISE SHIP OPERATIONS AT THE OUTER MOLE; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY; RECOGNIZING FEDERAL JURISDICTION OVER THE OUTER MOLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is an island with a delicate surrounding environment, including coral reefs and a tourist economy which depends upon a safe and clean environment, especially our near shore waters; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 and 2020, supermajorities of Key West voters approved four binding referendums which codified local community concerns regarding large cruise ship operations by: expressing opposition to widening the main ship channel for use by modern and longer cruise ships; and amending the City Charter to add Sections 1.09, 1.10, and 1.11, which established size, capacity, and daily disembarkation limits for cruise ships and prioritize cruise ships with better environmental records; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Key West prioritizes the City's residents' concerns regarding balanced tourism, environmental protection, water quality, harbor impacts, infrastructure limitations, traffic concerns, and preservation of quality of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the City Commission found substantial evidence that unregulated cruise ship operations impact the public safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Key West and adopted Ordinance 22-07 adding Chapter 80 to the Code of Ordinances, entitled "Cruise Ship Regulations"; and

WHEREAS, the City's Code of Ordinances only regulates large cruise ships holding more than 500 passengers and does not regulate small cruise ships holding 500 or fewer passengers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West has historically honored a policy position commonly called the "One Ship Policy" and described in Resolution 22-073, expressing the City's proprietary policy to direct large cruise ship activity away from Mallory Dock and the Outer Mole to the Pier B dock; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to host small cruise ship operations at its Mallory Dock which comply with the "One Ship Policy," provide positive economic benefits without adverse environmental impacts, and are welcomed by the local community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West's lease for the Outer Mole has been terminated by the United States Navy and the City Commission desires to reaffirm its continued commitment to a One Ship Policy for the City of Key West.

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

Section 1: That the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the appropriate representatives of the United States Navy and to communicate the City Commission's respectful request that the Navy voluntarily coordinate and cooperate with the City of Key West by considering local voter referenda, ordinances, resolutions, and policies concerning large cruise ship activity, including the City's longstanding One Ship Policy, which has historically directed large cruise ship operations away from the Outer Mole.

Section 2: This Resolution does not intend to impose legal requirements on federal property or operations. The City Commission of the City of Key West recognizes that the Outer Mole is federal property under the jurisdiction of the United States Navy and that the Navy is not subject to the City's ordinances, policies, or resolutions governing cruise ship operations at the Outer Mole.

Section 3: 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.

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Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held  
this     day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the  
Commission on the \_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Filed with the Clerk on     , 2026.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Greg Veliz	_____

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DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CLERK