

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE
CONTINUATION OF A TEMPORARY OVERNIGHT SHELTER;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City, in conjunction with its partners, currently provides a temporary overnight emergency shelter on Monroe County owned land on Stock Island ("KOTS"); and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County sheriff has repeatedly publicly stated he does not want KOTS next to his offices and jail on the County owned property; and

WHEREAS, facing opposition from the sheriff and continued litigation from neighboring property owners, the City entered into a settlement agreement in the litigation; and

WHEREAS, the settlement recognized "The ability to relocate to any site is contingent upon a number of factors such as financing and community, government and social service participation"; and

WHEREAS, in light of these contingencies, the City agreed to use its "best efforts and due diligence" in an attempt to relocate KOTS; and

WHEREAS, the City has been evaluating locations, designs and costs to site a facility; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently operating KOTS on a month to month lease with the County; and

WHEREAS, despite exercising its best efforts and due diligence, the City has not relocated the shelter or negotiated a lease to continue to operate KOTS at the present site.

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to answer the baseline question of whether or not it wants to operate an overnight shelter.

WHEREAS, without a shelter, individuals may perform life sustaining activities such as sleeping, bathing and defecating in public places without repercussions.

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

Section 1: That the City Commission supports the continued operation of a temporary overnight shelter in the City of Key West.

Section 2: 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 _____, 2015.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2015.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2015.

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