

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, TRANSMITTING TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) THE RESULTS OF A CITY WIDE BINDING REFERENDUM WHICH EXPRESSED OPPOSITION BY A MARGIN OF 74.53% TO 24.47% TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY OF KEY WEST SHOULD REQUEST THAT THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE THE IMPACTS OF WIDENING THE KEY WEST MAIN SHIP CHANNEL FOR USE BY MODERN AND LONGER CRUISE SHIPS; AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION TO CODIFY THE OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION EXPRESSED BY THE VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, after extensive public debate and discussions, a binding referendum was placed on the October 1, 2013 city-wide municipal election ballot, to determine public opinion on the subject of a channel-widening study for the Key West Main Ship Channel; and

WHEREAS, an overwhelming majority of voters determined that a channel-widening study should not be conducted; and

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

Section 1: That the City Commission respectfully informs the USACE that in a binding referendum voted upon in the Municipal Election of October 1, 2013, the citizens of Key West opposed by a

margin of 74.53% to 24.47% the question: "Shall the City of Key West request that the Army Corps of Engineers conduct a comprehensive feasibility study, at no monetary cost to the City, to determine the environmental, economic and social impacts of widening the Key West Main Ship Channel for use by modern and longer cruise ships while also addressing navigational safety?"

Section 2: That the City Commission does not want the USACE to undertake or commission future studies to consider the concept of widening the Key West Main Ship Channel, regardless of potential funding sources.

Section 3: That the City Commission intends to pursue and enact further legislation to codify the intent and opposition expressed by Key West's electorate.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Commanding General and Chief of Engineers of USACE, Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick; to the Commander, South Atlantic Division, Brigadier General Donald E. (Ed) Jackson, Jr.; to District Commander - Colonel Alan M. Dodd, and to Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio and Congressman Joe Garcia.

Section 5: 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 _____, 2013.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2013.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2013.

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