

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING AND ENDORSING THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE NEUGENT TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages the water resources in the southern half of the state, covering 16 counties from Orlando to the Florida Keys and serving a population of 8.1 million residents; and

WHEREAS, Key West is in Monroe County, one of the sixteen counties within the jurisdiction of the South Florida Water Management District; and

WHEREAS, appointments to the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District are made by the Governor of the State of Florida, and subject to confirmation by the State Senate; and

WHEREAS, per Florida statutes, the Governor shall appoint persons to Governing Boards that meet residency requirements and "represent an equitable cross-section of regional interests and technical expertise;" and

WHEREAS, former Monroe County Commissioner George Neugent, resides in Marathon, Florida, within Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, former County Commissioner George Neugent has extensive public sector policy experience, environmental/water quality expertise, and a proven record of accomplishment in public service, collaboration, partnership and consensus building, serving in roles as both an elected official and appointee on local, regional, and state-wide boards and councils that include the following:

- \* Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, elected and served five terms (20 years), including four terms as Mayor.  
Major Accomplishment: Monroe County completed a complex, multi-jurisdictional, federally mandated, advanced wastewater treatment infrastructure project spanning the entire Florida Keys.
- \* Advocate for Congressional and State water quality restoration funding; testified numerous times on water quality legislation and policy before committee hearings in State legislature and Congress.
- \* State of Florida Gulf Consortium, Director/Executive Committee Member, 7 years, including 5 years as a member of the Executive Committee.
- \* Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Chair/Member, for 16 years, with 7 of those years as Chair. FKNMS is administered by NOAA and jointly managed with the State of Florida.  
Major Accomplishment: Implementation of the Water Quality Protection program, the guiding force for water quality improvements and protection of the marine ecosystem surrounding the Florida Keys.
- \* Florida Keys Water Quality Protection Program, Member/Co-Chair, Steering Committee for 14 years; a program administered by US EPA and FDEP to monitor, improve and maintain water quality to protect the coral reefs, seagrass meadows, and marine and benthic habitats of the National Marine Sanctuary.

Major accomplishments: Wastewater Master Plan, Stormwater Master Plan, Carrying Capacity Study, Vessel Wastewater/No Discharge Zones, and the Monroe County Canal Restoration Master Plan to restore hundreds of canals in the Florida Keys.

- \* Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact, Commission Representative, 8 years.

Major accomplishment: One of the four Counties original signers of the Compact in October 2009.

The Compact is recognized as one of the nation's leading examples of regional-scale climate action.

- \* South Florida Regional Planning Commission Member, for 13 years, with 6 years of those years on the Executive Committee.

- \* Community service including: Former President and Board of Directors, Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce; Former President, the Marathon Economic Development Council; Member, Ocean Reef Foundation; Member, Florida Keys Hurricane Recovery Foundation.

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

Section 1: That the City Commission hereby recommends and endorses the appointment of George Neugent to be a member of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, State Senator Anitere Flores, and State Representative, Holly Merrill Raschein.

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.

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	_____

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK