

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DENOUNCING
YOUTH VIOLENCE AND EXPRESSING THE
IMPORTANCE OF TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT
THE YOUTH OF KEY WEST BY PREVENTING
VIOLENCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Youth Violence is the intentional use of physical force or power to threaten or harm others by young people ages 10-24; and

WHEREAS, a young person can be impacted by youth violence as a victim, offender or witness, and the effects of youth violence can have a lifelong impact on an individual's physical, psychological and social functioning; and

WHEREAS, youth violence disproportionately impacts communities of color, and it is important for Key West as a community to work to understand and address the risks for youth experiencing or perpetrating violence; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that heightened awareness, and working to reduce risk factors for youth violence, is in the best interests of the citizens of Key West and the greater world; 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 of the City of Key West denounces Youth Violence, and encourages the entire community to protect the youth of Key West by addressing risk factors, and taking action to prevent violence.

Section 2: That the City Commission authorizes the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor Ron DeSantis, the Board of County Commissioners for Monroe County, and the Monroe County School Board.

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 _____, 2021.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2021.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2021.

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