

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DENOUNCING
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, violence against women means any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life; and

WHEREAS, violence against women is an obstacle to the achievement of the objectives of equality, development and peace; and

WHEREAS, violence against women violates and impairs or nullifies the enjoyment by women of their human rights and fundamental freedoms; and

WHEREAS, as people remain confined to their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic, nationwide there are reports that the cases of domestic violence have risen; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, approximately twenty-four people per minute are physically abused by a partner in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that of the 87,000 women who were intentionally killed across the world in 2017, more than 58% were killed by intimate partners or family members, which means about 137 women across the world are killed by a member of their own family every day; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that denouncing violence against women 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 violence against women.

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

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 _____, 2020.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2020.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2020.

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