

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COMMISSION NAME THE ROYAL POINCIANA TREE AS THE OFFICIAL TREE OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST; RECOMMENDING ADJUSTMENTS TO CERTAIN TREE REPLACEMENT FEES AND REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 110-327 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO FACILITATE THE PLANTING OF POINCIANA TREES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Royal Poinciana tree has a long history in Key West, and due to its prominence in our tree canopy, and its nearly unmatched beauty when in full bloom, the Key West Tree Commission recommends that it be named the official tree of the City of Key West; and

WHEREAS, as the official tree, the Poinciana tree should be afforded special protections, and special incentives should be given to property owners to encourage its planting; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission recommends that the City of Key West should make it a priority, when appropriate, to plant Poinciana trees on public property and in city parks; and

WHEREAS, Section 110-327 of the Code of Ordinances provides specific criteria to support approval of a tree removal permit application, including Section 110-327(7)(a), which provides for fees, and allows the City Commission to adjust fees for a tree removal permit application by Resolution; and

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

Section 1: That the Tree Commission recommends that the City Commission should designate the Poinciana as the official tree of Key West.

Section 2: That in order to facilitate the planting of more Poinciana trees, the Tree Commission recommends an adjustment to requirements contained in section 110-327 of the Code of Ordinances, so that replacement inches are provided at a 2.5 to 1 ratio. In addition, the donation per caliper inch should be raised to \$300.

Section 3: That in order to incentivize planting of more canopy trees, the Tree Commission recommends that replacement inches should be granted on a 2 to 1 basis. The donation per caliper inch for canopy trees should be raised to \$250 per inch.

Section 4: That the donation amount per caliper inch for all trees should be raised to \$200 per inch.

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 Tree Commission.

Passed and adopted by the Key West Tree Commission at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Key West Tree Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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DAVID JACKSON, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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VICKY WALKER, CLERK