

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO APPLY TO
ESTABLISH BOQUERON, PUERTO RICO AS A
SISTER CITY TO THE CITY OF KEY WEST;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Boqueron is a barrio and fishing village in the municipality of Cabo Rojo, in the U.S. commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Boqueron shares historical and cultural traits including an abundance of tropical fruits, constant sharing of food and fishing bounties, generational family neighborhoods, and a certain reliance on support between its residents, making it a true "Sister" to Key West; and

WHEREAS, Boqueron, like Key West, is beautiful, has eclectic charm, and is LBGTQ friendly. Boqueron is known for its gastronomy, nightlife, beauty, and tranquil relaxation. It is a boater's paradise; and

WHEREAS, Boqueron is historically known for fisheries, salt production, pirates, native Indians, lost treasures, hurricanes, seafood, tourism; and

WHEREAS, Boqueron is called by many Puerto Ricans and visitors "the Key West of Puerto Rico"; and

WHEREAS, Section 288.816, Florida Statutes, vests in the Secretary of State the responsibility to establish a sister cities program for Municipalities; and

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

Section 1: That City staff is hereby authorized to apply to the Florida Secretary of State to establish Boqueron, Puerto Rico as an official "Sister City" to the City of Key West.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Florida Secretary of State Cord Byrd, and the government offices of Boqueron, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico.

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 _____, 2023.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2023.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2023.

Mayor Teri Johnston _____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman _____
Commissioner Lissette Carey _____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover _____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez _____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow _____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley _____

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK