

RESOLUTION NO. 24-254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) WORK WITH CITY STAFF TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF A SIGN WITH A 'WELCOME TO KEY WEST' MESSAGE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF US 1, AND A 'COME BACK SOON' MESSAGE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF US 1 ON FDOT RIGHT OF WAY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO FDOT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2023 the Rotary Club-sponsored sign which says "Welcome to Key West/Come Back Soon" was removed from the median on US 1 in preparation for new landscaping that was placed where the sign was previously installed; and

WHEREAS, the new landscaping does not allow for a pedestrian path or ADA accessibility, and replacing the sign in that location could encourage unsafe behavior by visitors that may choose to cross into the median to take pictures with the sign; and

WHEREAS, a request was made to the FDOT District 6 Supervisor to allow for two signs to be installed, one on the north side of US 1 with a "Welcome to Key West" message, and a second sign on the south side of US 1 with a "Come Back Soon" message; and

WHEREAS, in response to the request from City staff, FDOT asked for an application to be accompanied by a City Commission Resolution approving the new sign locations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that two signs - one on the north side of US 1 - with a "Welcome to Key West" message, and one on the south side of US 1 - with a "Come Back Soon" message would enhance the safety and appearance of US 1, and benefit visitors and residents alike; 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 hereby requests the Florida Department of Transportation to approve the placement of two signs, at City expense. One sign on the north side of US 1 - will include a "Welcome to Key West" message, and one on the south side of US 1 - will include "Come Back Soon" message, as described in the request/application submitted by City staff.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation.

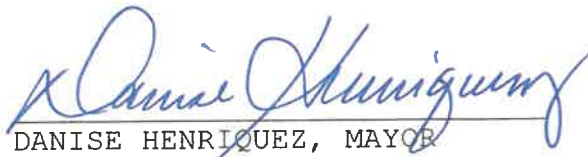
Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 10th day of October, 2024.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 10th day of October, 2024.

Filed with the Clerk on October 10, 2024.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lissette Carey	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Monica Haskell	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee	<u>Yes</u>


DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:


KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK