

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE KEY WEST BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD (BIGHT BOARD) RECOMMENDING AND ENCOURAGING THE CAROLINE STREET CORRIDOR AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) TO ENSURE REEF RELIEF, INC. MAINTAINS TENANCY WITHIN THE KEY WEST BIGHT, WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE THOMPSON FISH HOUSE AS THEIR INTERIM AND PERMANENT LOCATION UPON COMMENCEMENT OF DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING CURRENTLY LEASED BY REEF RELIEF, INC.; TO INCORPORATE REEF RELIEF'S REQUESTED DESIGN MODIFICATIONS INTO THE THOMPSON FISH HOUSE TO SUPPORT CONTINUED MARINE SCIENCE EDUCATION, SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMMING, AND MUSEUM OPERATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2024, the Key West Bight Management District Board (KWBB) approved KWBB Resolution No. 24-01 approving the lease between the City and Reef Relief, Inc. at a public benefit below market rate, pursuant to Sec. 2-941(c) of the City's Code of Ordinances and containing termination provisions anticipating the City's plans to demolish and redevelop the property at an unspecified date in the future; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024, the Caroline Street Corridor and Bahama Village Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) approved CRA Resolution No 24-262 approving the lease between the City and Reef Relief, Inc. as approved by KWBB and containing the same terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, Reef Relief, Inc. has expressed their concerns and need for assurances that they will not be left without a home within the Key West Bight during or following demolition of the building they currently occupy, and has requested that the Thompson Fish House be considered as their interim and permanent location within the Bight; and

WHEREAS, Reef Relief, Inc. has requested that design modifications be incorporated into the Thompson Fish House to

accommodate the continued operation of its marine science educational programs, summer camp activities, and planned marine science educational museum, and that such design requests be included in the City's planning and design process for the Thompson Fish House; and

WHEREAS, Reef Relief, Inc.'s continued presence within the Key West Bight and its mission to provide marine science education, environmental programming, and community outreach constitute a significant public benefit to the City of Key West, Florida, and it is in the public interest to support Reef Relief's uninterrupted tenancy at a Bight location;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KEY WEST BIGHT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Key West Bight Management District Board hereby recommends and encourages the Caroline Street Corridor and Community Redevelopment Agency to take all reasonable and necessary steps to ensure that Reef Relief, Inc. maintains continued tenancy within the Key West Bight. The Bight Board specifically recommends that the Thompson Fish House be given primary consideration as the interim and permanent location for Reef Relief, Inc. upon the commencement of demolition of the building currently occupied by Reef Relief, Inc., and that the CRA negotiate and formally approve a written agreement with Reef Relief, Inc. to that effect prior to the commencement of any

demolition or construction activity.

Section 2: That the Bight Board further recommends and encourages the CRA to incorporate Reef Relief, Inc.'s requested design modifications into the planning and design of the Thompson Fish House, including but not limited to modifications necessary to support: (a) the continuation of Reef Relief's annual summer camp programming; (b) the operation of marine science educational activities and outreach programs; and (c) the planned conversion of interior space into a marine science educational museum. The Bight Board recommends that the CRA ensure Reef Relief, Inc. is included as a stakeholder in the design and planning process for the Thompson Fish House and that its programmatic needs are given meaningful consideration in the design specifications prior to the commencement of any construction.

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 Board.

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Passed and adopted by Key West Bight Management District Board
at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Board
on _____, 2026.

MICHAEL KNOWLES, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

_____, CLERK OF THE BOARD
(Print Name)