

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SPONSORING A HURRICANE IRMA BENEFIT EVENT SUPPORTING RECOVERY OF THE LOWER KEYS TO THE NORTH OF THE CITY, AT THE TRUMAN WATERFRONT PARK AND AMPHITHEATER ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN AN ENCLOSED AREA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma impacted all of the Florida Keys, and especially the Lower Keys, on September 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Key West has long been an economic engine for the Florida Keys, and because hurricane damage was less severe in Key West than in the Lower Keys, there was focus placed on quickly re-opening the Southernmost City to tourists, and the jobs and revenue they bring; and

WHEREAS, since the hurricane, there has been abundant media and government focus given to the resilience of Key West, while residents and businesses in the hardest-hit Lower Keys, including, but not limited to, Big Coppitt, Sugarloaf, Cudjoe, Summerland, Ramrod and Big Pine Key, continue to struggle with storm debris, unsafe homes and erratic utility services; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma damaged or destroyed many restaurants and businesses in the Lower Keys, and as recovery continues, tourists have been driving through the Lower Keys to Key West, too often without stopping - bringing traffic, but not social or economic support, to the Lower Keys; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission and residents of Key West recognize that Key West derives much of its vitality from the workforce and resources of the Lower Keys, and that the lingering effects of Hurricane Irma continue to pose daunting challenges to those beautiful islands where so many strong souls live and raise their children; and

WHEREAS, Key West-based promoters, performers, chefs and artists have offered to organize an event to raise funds to be used in the Lower Keys recovery effort; and

WHEREAS, the Key West City Commission desires to sponsor a day of music and family activities in conjunction with KeysStrong.org and Samuel's House in their ongoing efforts to provide recovery and support services to residents and businesses of the Lower Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager shall also utilize the event to conduct sound meter tests from various locations in order to better understand the effect on surrounding neighborhoods and ensure the limits of the sound control ordinance are not exceeded.

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

Section 1: That the City of Key West hereby sponsors an event to benefit charities supporting recovery of the Lower Keys to the north of the City, at the Truman Waterfront Park and Amphitheater on Sunday, December 17, 2017 from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Section 2: That pursuant to Section 18-88 of the Code of Ordinances, permission is granted to allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within an enclosed area, by select vendors, subject to approval of the City Manager.

Section 3: That the event will adhere to the recycling plan of the City of Key West, that one recycling container for each trash barrel will be used, and that they will be placed side by side.

Section 4: That the City Manager may designate one or more event organizers, and that the organizers shall ensure that all aspects of the event meet terms and conditions set forth by the City Manager.

Section 5: That provisions of the Code of Ordinances applicable to such an event shall be observed.

Section 6: 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 _____, 2017.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2017.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2017.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Richard Payne	_____
Commissioner Margaret Romero	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK