

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TREE FUND MONIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KEY LIME TREES THROUGH A PUBLIC TREE GIVEAWAY PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City of Key West maintains a Tree Fund established for the purpose of promoting tree planting, urban forestry, and related community greening initiatives within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Key lime tree is deeply embedded in the heritage and identity of Key West and the Florida Keys, and serves as a culturally significant and locally recognized species suitable as the focal point of a public outreach initiative; and

WHEREAS, the City's Urban Forestry Division has proposed a public Key lime tree giveaway program for Key West residents, to include distribution of trees along with educational materials on proper planting, maintenance, and long-term care, with the giveaway planned to coincide with a community holiday or seasonal event in July; and

WHEREAS, this program supports the City's continued participation in the Tree City USA program, reflecting the City's commitment to sustainable urban forestry practices, public education, and responsible tree management; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Commission of the City of Key West reviewed and approved this use of Tree Fund monies for the purchase of Key lime trees for donation at its meeting held on May 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Urban Forestry has requested authorization to utilize up to \$10,000 from the Tree Fund for the procurement of healthy, nursery-grown Key lime trees, materials and supplies necessary for distribution, educational and outreach materials, and event coordination and logistics; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Tree Fund to cover the cost of this program without impairing other planned uses of the Fund;

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

Section 1. The use of Tree Fund monies, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, is hereby authorized for the procurement and distribution of Key lime trees to Key West residents through a public tree giveaway program, consistent with the recommendation of the Tree Commission, including associated costs for materials, educational outreach, and event coordination and logistics.

Section 2. The City Manager, or designee, including the Urban Forestry Division, is hereby authorized and directed to take all

actions necessary to procure the Key lime trees, organize the tree giveaway event, and otherwise implement this program in accordance with this Resolution.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK