

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FLORIDA SENATE BILL 722 AND HOUSE BILL 957, WHICH, IF PASSED, WOULD PROHIBIT STORES FROM PROVIDING DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BAGS, AND PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES WITH AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE RETAIL STORES TO PROVIDE RECYCLABLE PAPER BAGS, TO COLLECT CERTAIN FEES FOR RECYCLABLE BAGS, AND TO PROVIDE QUARTERLY REPORTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, City staff has received notice that the Florida Legislature is considering SB 722, and HB 957, which would prohibit certain stores from providing disposable plastic bags, and would provide local municipalities with authority to require certain stores to collect and report fees for providing recyclable paper bags to customers; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is concerned about the environmental impact of disposable bags on the environment, and concerned, too, about education funding, which would benefit if such a program could be implemented in the City of Key West; and

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

Section 1: That the Key West City Commission supports HB 957 and SB 722 and urges its legislators to support such measures.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Representative

Raschein, Senator Bullard, and Governor Rick Scott and members of the House and Senate leadership.

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 _____, 2013.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2013.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2013.

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK