

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE RELOCATION OF KOTS TO THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY ON PALM AVENUE; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City, in conjunction with its partners, currently provides a temporary overnight emergency shelter on Monroe County owned land on Stock Island ("KOTS"); and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County sheriff has repeatedly publicly stated he does not want KOTS next to his offices and jail on the County owned property; and

WHEREAS, facing opposition from the sheriff and continued litigation from neighboring property owners, the City entered into a settlement agreement in the litigation; and

WHEREAS, the settlement recognized "The ability to relocate to any site is contingent upon a number of factors such as financing and community, government and social service participation." and

WHEREAS, in light of these contingencies, the City agreed to use its "best efforts and due diligence" in an attempt to relocate KOTS; and

WHEREAS, the City and County Commissions met to publicly discuss issues associated with KOTS; and

WHEREAS, the City has been evaluating locations, designs and costs to site a facility; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently operating KOTS on a month to month lease with the County; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently constructing a new transit facility on Stock Island. Upon completion of the facility, transit operations at the present Palm Avenue site will cease.

WHEREAS, with the construction of the new transit facility and relocation of other city services from Palm Avenue, that site would be available for the relocation of KOTS; and

WHEREAS, reuse of existing structures on the Palm Avenue site would also serve to reduce costs associated with relocating KOTS to that property; and

WHEREAS, use of the property in such a fashion in the PS zoning district is a conditional use subject to ample public input and a specified process; and

WHEREAS, the conditional use process requires such a facility to provide certain protections for the public such as security, fencing, landscape buffer and congregation area inside the grounds of the site large enough to accommodate the maximum

client population of the facility to prevent waiting and congregating off site; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting the requirements of a conditional use, any such facility must also go through review as a major development to ensure complete public participation.

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

Section 1: That the City owned property on Palm Avenue that is currently housing transit and public works is selected as the property for the relocation of KOTS.

Section 2: That the City Manager is directed to commence the development and planning process for the relocation of KOTS as well as the public works and transit functions currently performed at that site. The Manager shall provide the Commission with a report to include the description of facilities, estimated costs and the permissible number of occupants at KOTS prior to submission of an application for development.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Mark Rossi	_____
Commissioner Teri Johnston	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____
Commissioner Tony Yaniz	_____

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CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK