

WHEREAS, Roberto T Lopez came to Key West from Havana, Cuba in 1960, working at Key West Handprint Fabrics as a carpenter, building their silk screen printing tables, and the decorative gingerbread for the building; and

WHEREAS, five years later Mr. Lopez opened the original Kino Shoes at 105 Whitehead Street next to the La Brisa Restaurant, establishing Kino Shoes in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Kino Shoes along with Key West Handprint Fashions and the Conch Train were the first three tourist oriented stores on the island, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lopez began making sandals to match Key West Handprint fabric, coordinating his sandals with the fabric of Lilly Pulitzer, hence the name of the original thong style Lilly sandal, and

WHEREAS, in 1974 Mr. Lopez purchased the property on the corner of Greene and Fitzpatrick Streets, formerly the Southern Bell building, creating Kino Plaza with its grand opening in 1977, and

WHEREAS, today Kino Sandals employs over 30 people who help continue the Kino legacy. Roberto T Lopez was always very grateful for the many citizens of Key West who helped him along his path, and

WHEREAS, Key West is known for the Kino Sandal Factory and Kino is known for Key West,

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

Section 1. That the alleyway located in the 400 block of Greene Street is hereby named Kino Alley.

Section 2. That this approval grants no other rights to the applicant or creates any obligations for the City, except providing the requested naming of a street for address assignment.

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...