

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A POLICY GOVERNING THE NAMING, RENAMING, AND CO-NAMING OF CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES; CONFIRMING THAT THE NAMING OF A CITY FACILITY IS A LEGISLATIVE ACT OF THE CITY COMMISSION UNDERTAKEN AT THE CITY'S OWN INITIATIVE; ADOPTING AS THE STANDARD OF THE CITY THE PROHIBITION SET FORTH IN SECTION 267.062, FLORIDA STATUTES, AGAINST NAMING PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR LIVING PERSONS; ESTABLISHING INITIATION, REVIEW, AND PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THIS POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Key West owns and operates numerous buildings, parks, beaches, recreational complexes, piers, and other public facilities, the names of which serve both a practical wayfinding function and an expressive civic function; and

WHEREAS, the City has not previously adopted uniform written criteria or procedures governing the naming and renaming of such facilities, with the result that naming decisions have been made without consistent standards, notice, or public participation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the naming of a City facility is a legislative act of the City Commission to be undertaken at the City's own initiative and in the public interest, and that the policy adopted hereby is not intended to establish an application process or to create any right or entitlement in any person to obtain or compel a naming; and

WHEREAS, section 267.062(1), Florida Statutes, provides that, except as specifically provided by law, no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility shall be named for any living person; and

WHEREAS, section 267.062(3), Florida Statutes, provides a limited exception permitting a state university board of trustees to name a university facility for a living person in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board of Governors of the State University System, which exception has no application to municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, section 1013.79(11), Florida Statutes, further provides that no facility constructed under the University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program shall be named after a living person without prior approval by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing statutory provisions apply directly to City facilities that are owned by the State of Florida, that are constructed, acquired, renovated, or operated in whole or in part with state funds, or that are subject to grant or contractual conditions incorporating those provisions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the policy underlying section 267.062, Florida Statutes, is sound as applied to municipal facilities as well, in that honors conferred upon living persons are conferred before a life's record is complete, invite the

appearance of political reward, and expose the City to the substantial cost and controversy attending the later removal of a name; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission therefore desires to adopt the substance of section 267.062(1), Florida Statutes, as the naming standard of the City of Key West with respect to all City facilities, whether or not state funds or state property interests are involved; and

WHEREAS, section 267.0625, Florida Statutes, addresses offensive or derogatory place names on publicly owned structures and imposes obligations upon political subdivisions of the state; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that a published policy establishing eligibility criteria, staff and advisory board review, a public comment period, public hearings, heightened voting thresholds for renaming, and a public registry of named facilities will promote transparency, consistency, and public confidence; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Key West to adopt such a policy;

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as legislative findings of the City Commission.

Section 2. The City of Key West Public Facility Naming Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted.

Section 3. The City Commission expressly adopts, as the standard of the City of Key West, the prohibition set forth in section 267.062(1), Florida Statutes, and directs that no City facility shall be named or co-named for any living person. The exception set forth in section 267.062(3), Florida Statutes, applicable to state university facilities, shall not be applied to any City facility.

Section 4. The policy adopted hereby creates no right, entitlement, or expectation in any person to initiate a naming proposal, to obtain a naming, or to compel the City to consider any name. A proposal may be initiated only as provided in Section 6 of the policy.

Section 5. The City Manager is directed to implement the policy, to establish internal review procedures consistent with

the policy, and to apply the policy to all naming proposals pending as of the effective date of this Resolution.

Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to establish and maintain the public registry of named City facilities described in Section 11 of the policy, and to publish the policy and the registry on the City website.

Section 7. The City Manager and the City Attorney are directed to prepare, and to present to the City Commission for first reading within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of this Resolution, an ordinance codifying the substantive provisions of the policy within the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West.

Section 8. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution or of the policy adopted hereby is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

Section 9. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 10. 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 the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2026.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Chair Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Greg Veliz	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK