

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, NAMING THE
OBSERVATION DECK/BOARDWALK AT LAKE
McKILLIP, AS "PAYNE'S CROSSING" IN
RECOGNITION OF HON. RICHARD G. PAYNE, AND
HIS DEDICATED CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE
AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY FOR THE CITY
AND CITIZENS OF KEY WEST; PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Lake McKillip, named by the City Commission in 2018, at the request of then-Commissioner Richard G. Payne, is located at Section 33, Township 67, Range 25, and known by the Monroe County Property Appraiser's Map as Parcel #00065840. It is a 3.85-acre shallow salt pond, owned by the City of Key West, which provides scenic beauty very much enjoyed by the residents and visitors of the Lime Grove Subdivision, whose homes are in the 2700, 2800 and 2900 blocks of Staples, Seidenberg, Harris, Fogarty and Patterson Avenues, Sunset Drive, as well as 10th, 11th and 12th Streets, which dissect said avenues; and

WHEREAS, Hon. Richard G. Payne, has lived near the scenic shore of Lake McKillip for decades, raising a family, and supporting and improving the Florida Keys through a storied career in public service and passion for his adopted hometown; and

WHEREAS, as a prosecutor, assistant county attorney, Monroe County Judge (1980-88), Circuit Court Judge (1989-2007), Chief Circuit Court Judge and Key West City Commissioner (2015-2018), Judge Payne has always sought to protect, preserve and improve Key West and the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 a pocket park was constructed on the shore of Lake McKillip, comprised primarily of an observation deck/boardwalk on 10th Street off Flagler Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the park has become a popular location for residents and visitors alike to observe an ecological treasure trove of pin fish, shiners, mullet, snapper, grouper, shrimp and tarpon, as well as blue crabs and from time-to-time home to an occasional saltwater crocodile; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it would be fitting to name the observation deck/boardwalk at Lake McKillip "Payne's Crossing," in honor of Hon. Richard G. Payne and his staunch service and advocacy on behalf of people, places and the environment of Key West and the Florida Keys; and

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

Section 1: That the boardwalk/observation deck adjacent to Lake McKillip is hereby named "Payne's Crossing" in recognition of the public service and advocacy of Hon. Richard G. Payne, on behalf of residents and visitors to the City of Key West.

Section 2: 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 _____, 2025.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2025.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK