




## MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 14, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress  
City Manager 

From: Maria Ratcliff

Subject: **Recommendation to Approve the "Bahama Village Community Coalition "Goombay Festival" Sponsored and managed by the City of Key West to occur on October 20 & 21, 2023, on Petronia Street between Duval Street and Fort Street.**

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### **Introduction**

The City Manager's Office request the approval of "Goombay 2023" on Petronia Street between Duval Street & Fort Street- October 20 & 21, 2023 from Noon to Midnight.

### **Background**

Goombay 2022 was the last year under contract for the Bahama Village Community Coalition as approved via Resolution 19-045 and extended via Resolution 21-020. As of early August, the City had not received a completed application for a Special Event Permit for Goombay. Concerned that Goombay 2023 might not happen this year the Special Event Administrator reached out to both the Bahama Village Community Coalition and the Key West Carnival Corporation to seek applications. After further discussions the City has decided to sponsor the Goombay Festival for 2023 and has partnered with the most recent sponsor and We've Got the Keys. This year's Goombay Festival will be sponsored and managed by the City of Key West with the assistance of both corporations to ensure the event continues. The event will take place on Friday, October 20, 2023, and Saturday, October 21, 2023, from noon to Midnight on Petronia Street between Duval Street & Fort Street. Goombay Festival is a family tradition that began years ago with members from Bahama Village. The event will have vendor booths, music, art, and a parade. The parade will start at Catherine & Emma Streets proceeding on Catherine to Duval Streets, taking a left on Duval to Angela Streets, turning left on to Angela to Emma Streets, where it will end. The applicant has agreed to abide by City Codes and Ordinances, including providing insurance.

### **Recommendation**

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor & City Commission approve the Resolution for the "2023 Goombay Festival" on October 20 & 21, 2023, from noon to midnight.