

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, ADOPTING  
THE FINAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR  
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA TO  
FACILITATE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CITY IN  
THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS)  
PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the 2017 Coordinator's Manual for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) introduced a series of credit options for "community efforts to anticipate" future flood risk in relation to climate change (FEMA 2017, pg. 110-15); and

WHEREAS, since sea-level rise is expected to be an increasingly critical issue for floodplain management, many of the CRS credit options and assessment criteria for coastal communities specifically refer to studies of sea-level rise impact on future hydrologic conditions and the local drainage systems; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Coordinator's Manual notes that a mandatory prerequisite for a community to achieve CRS Class 4 status is that the community must "receive credit for managing the impacts of a 100-year storm and/or sea level rise, where applicable, based on a watershed management plan" (FEMA 2017, Credit 450, pg. 14); and

WHEREAS, each improvement in CRS Class rating (starting from a Class 10) translates into a 5% premium

discount on qualifying NFIP policyholders within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), meaning that a CRS Class 4 status makes qualified policyholders within the community eligible for a 30% total premium discount; and

WHEREAS, The City of Key West is currently rated as a CRS Class 5 community and achieving CRS Class 4 status would result in an additional 5% premium discount for qualified NFIP policyholders within the SFHA; and

WHEREAS, a qualified watershed management plan is defined as a mandatory prerequisite for CRS Class 4 status and any further NFIP premium discounts that The City of Key West residents may receive through the CRS program will likely require the development and adoption of a watershed management plan that meets or exceeds the criteria outlined in the 2017 Coordinator's Manual; and

WHEREAS, the CRS Watershed Master Plan - Prerequisites for Section 452b require the City of Key West to adopt a watershed master (or management) plan that evaluates the future conditions, including the impacts of a median projected sea level rise (based on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) "intermediate-high" projection for the year 2100) on the local drainage system during multiple rainfall events, including the 100-year rainfall event; and

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

Section 1: The above recitals are hereby  
incorporated, accepted, and adopted into this resolution as  
restated herein.

Section 2: The City of Key West Watershed Management  
Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and  
adopted, and is incorporated into this Resolution by reference  
as if fully set forth herein.

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.

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Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting

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