

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHROZING THE PRIORITY OF THE \$150,000.00 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET YEAR FOR THE ANITICPATED KEY WEST UNESCO GLOBAL CREATIVE CITY DESIGNATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY BUDGET TRANSFERS OR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Key West has successfully become one of the two United States cities recommended by the United States Department of State as a UNESCO Creative City; and

WHEREAS, a "UNESCO Global Creative City" award is a permanent designation with many benefits for Key West as a city that makes culture and creativity a strategic driver for our resilient and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, a UNESCO designation will enable Key West to:

- Be promoted through a global network;
- Stand out as an international destination for literature and the creative arts;
- Be a more powerful draw for authors, playwrights, scriptwriters, artists, actors, and musicians;
- Capitalize on local employment opportunities in the creative fields in Key West for our children;
- Improve educational opportunities; and

- Build sustainable tourism.

WHEREAS, since the benefits are economically valuable to chosen cities in terms of reputation, tourism and revenue, UNESCO requires an on-going commitment from private and public sources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West would be required to commit \$150,000.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, recognition from UNESCO Paris is not expected until earliest on October 31, 2025 and not later than December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the applicants from our City have had many indications that the UNESCO designation will be forthcoming, however, it is not 100% guaranteed. Therefore, any funding dedicated to the UNESCO designation by the City would be contingent on the recognition from UNESCO Paris; and

WHEREAS, in the unlikely event that the City is not recognized, the City will not need to provide any funding. However, if the City of Key West is selected, funding would be required for 2026;

WHEREAS, private funding is already established; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds the benefits of the designation as a UNESCO Creative City to be significant to the

City of Key West and in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to demonstrate the commitment of City funds for this UNESCO designation, contingent on receipt of sufficient funding from Monroe County TDC and Private Organizations; and

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

Section 1: That an expenditure of up to \$150,000.00 for the UNESCO Global Creative City designation is hereby authorized for the FY 2025-2026, provided that the City's financial contribution does not exceed \$150,000.00, and contingent upon the commitment and receipt of funding by Monroe County TDC and Private Organizations.

Section 2: If the City of Key West does not receive the UNESCO Global Creative City designation in 2025, the designated funding shall be reallocated to the general fund.

Section 3: The City Manager is hereby authorized to make any necessary budget transfers and amendments.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage, 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, CHAIR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK