RESOLUTION	NO.
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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY WEST, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION OF \$40,000.00 IN EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ESTABLISHED LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES IN RESPONSE TO THE INCREASE IN FOOD INSECURITY IN THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DESIGNATE APPROPRIATE STAFF TO ELIGIBLE ESTABLISHED LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES AND FACILITATE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNTING OF DISBURSED FUNDS; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY RELATED DOCUMENTS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS, CONSENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the recent government shutdown created a sharp increase in food insecurity throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, recent updates from our local non-profit partners underscore the urgency. The local Loaves and Fish Food Pantry has reported a 30% increase in clients, with many new families seeking assistance for the first time. Their operating costs have also risen approximately \$5,000 per month, meaning that even modest City support could make a tremendous difference through the holidays and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Loaves and Fish Pantry, other local partners such as Cooking with Love, Star of the Sea Foundation and the Bahama Village Little Food Pantry are also facing growing demand; and

WHEREAS, the allocation and equitable distribution of

emergency relief funds by the City to local established food pantries serves a public purpose by supporting and bolstering the admirable efforts of local worthy organizations to ensure City residents have consistent access to food during this challenging time; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Key West for the Commission to actively respond to the increased needs of our community in their time of need; and

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

Section 1: That the City Commission hereby finds the allocation of \$40,000.00 in City emergency relief funds to be distributed to established local food pantries within the City will help to ensure City residents have consistent access to food in their time of need and serves a public purpose in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Key West.

Section 2: That the City Commission hereby directs the City Manager to designate appropriate City staff to identify eligible established local food pantries located within the City and establish equitable distribution and accounting of disbursed emergency relief funds.

Section 3: That the Commission hereby directs the City

Manager to execute any necessary related documents and/or budget
transfers/adjustments, upon consent of the City Attorney.
Section 4: That this resolution shall go into effect
immediately upon its passage and adoption and the 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 onday of, 2025.
Filed with the Clerk on, 2025.
Mayor Danise Henriquez
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee
Commissioner Lissette Carey
Commissioner Aaron Castillo
Commissioner Monica Haskell
Commissioner District V
Commissioner Sam Kaufman
DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR
ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK