

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, RESTRICTING CITY FUNDED TRAVEL TO THE STATE OF INDIANA AND ANY OTHER STATE WHICH PASSES SUCH DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES UNDER THE GUISE OF "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM"; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the state of Indiana recently passed a "Religious Freedom Act" that poses the possibility of discriminating against individuals based upon sexual preference; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West has long been a leader in advocating for equality for all individuals regardless of sexual preference, religious affiliation or political viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of restrictions on civil rights undermines the fundamentals of freedom and equality;

WHEREAS, a growing number of states have elected to ban state funded travel to areas that have imposed the discriminatory practices recently passed in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, despite the wide spread opposition to such laws, other states, such as Arkansas, continue to consider passing similar measures.

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

Section 1: That City of Key West funded travel is prohibited to areas such as the state of Indiana, which have passed Religious Freedom or similar laws which have a discriminatory effect on equal rights, until such time as these areas revise their laws.

Section 2: That the City Manager is directed to ensure any travel policies shall be adjusted to reflect the intent of this resolution.

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.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2015.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2015.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Mark Rossi	_____
Commissioner Teri Johnston	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____
Commissioner Tony Yaniz	_____

MARK ROSSI, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK