

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S CONCERNS REGARDING SB 1134 AND HB 1001 RELATING TO OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION MAY UNNECESSARILY RESTRICT MUNICIPAL HOME RULE AUTHORITY, EXPOSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COSTLY LITIGATION, AND ADVERSELY IMPACT CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES; DIRECTING TRANSMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Florida Constitution grants municipalities broad home rule powers to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is a historic, culturally diverse, and tourism-driven community whose local economy depends upon cultural programming, heritage events, arts initiatives, and inclusive public engagement; and

WHEREAS, SB 1134 and HB 1001, titled "Official Actions of Local Governments," propose to prohibit municipalities from funding, promoting, or taking official action relating to "diversity, equity, and inclusion," as defined therein; and

WHEREAS, the definition contained in the proposed legislation includes activities "designed or implemented with reference to

race, color, sex, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation," language that is broad and subject to multiple interpretations; and

WHEREAS, such language may reasonably be construed to apply to longstanding municipal activities including, but not limited to, cultural festivals, heritage commemorations, tourism marketing, public health initiatives, translation of emergency communications, naming of public facilities, and support for arts programming; and

WHEREAS, Key West hosts numerous events and programming that celebrate its Bahamian, Cuban, maritime, artistic, and LGBTQ+ heritage, all of which contribute significantly to the City's local economy and the State of Florida's tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation creates a private cause of action that may expose municipalities to costly and potentially frivolous litigation, thereby diverting limited public funds from essential services such as public safety, infrastructure, and hurricane preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the legislation further requires municipalities to reject the lowest and best bid for public contracts if certain certifications are not made, potentially increasing procurement costs to taxpayers and conflicting with longstanding competitive bidding principles; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the Legislature's authority to enact general law but respectfully asserts that municipalities must retain the ability to respond to the specific needs, demographics, and economic realities of their communities without undue risk of liability or removal from office for routine governance actions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it to be in the best interest of the residents, businesses, and visitors of Key West to formally express its concerns regarding the potential unintended consequences of SB 1134 and HB 1001.

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as findings of the City Commission.

Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Key West hereby formally expresses its concerns regarding SB 1134 and HB 1001 and respectfully urges the Governor and the Florida Legislature to oppose or substantially amend the proposed legislation to clarify its scope and preserve municipal home rule authority.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida; the Honorable President of the

Florida Senate; the Honorable Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives; and the members of the Monroe County Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signatures of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

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Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2026.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2026.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Greg Veliz	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK