

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES RELATING TO COVID-RELATED SAFETY MEASURES TO THE CITY COMMISSION; AND REQUESTING THAT THE MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PARTICPATE WITH THE LOCAL COVID RECOVERY TASK FORCE ALONG WITH OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO REVIEW COVID-RELATED DATA/RESEARCH TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Key West finds that Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to present a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the public;

WHEREAS, the City of Key West saw a decline in COVID-19 cases in August and September, there is now an increase in COVID-19 cases both in the City of Key West and in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the Third District Court of Appeal has stated that "safeguarding the life and property of its citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state." *Miami-Dade County v. Miami Gardens Square One, Inc.*, 3D20-1512, 2020 WL 6472542 (Fla. 3d DCA Nov. 4, 2020); and

WHEREAS, the City, in order to make best decisions for all involved and affected, needs the input and knowledge of not only the medical professionals during this public safety crisis but

also that of the community-at-large including but not limited to residents, visitors, and businesses.

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

Section 1: That the City Commission acknowledges and appreciates the feedback and comments from members of the community and various medical professionals regarding COVID-19 and public safety.

Section 2: That the City Commission requests that the Monroe County Health Department provide the City Commission with regular updates regarding COVID-19 along with best practices it can institute with businesses and health care professionals city-wide.

Section 3: That the City Commission requests the Monroe County Health Department to participate with community members and the Covid Recovery Task Force to review/research available data and scientific/medical research and to provide recommendations to the City Commission to enhance public safety. The City Commission will have a recurring agenda discussion item at future meetings to receive these updates and recommendations.

Section 4: 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 as an emergency ordinance at an emergency meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Filed with the Clerk \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK