

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 380.0661-380.0667, TO EXPAND THE AUTHORIZED USE FUNDS CONTROLLED BY THE MONROE COUNTY LAND AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO REPRESENTATIVE HOLLY RASCHEIN, SENATOR DWIGHT BULLARD, THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the purpose and authority of the Monroe County Land Authority, is established in Florida Statutes section 380.0663, and governed by provisions in Section 2-395 through 2-399 of the Monroe County Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is an area of critical state concern for environmental and economic reasons, and with the highest property values in the state, a significant concern is the lack of housing within the economic reach of working residents; and

WHEREAS, affordable (workforce) housing is a critical need that cannot be met solely by private developers and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges that local government participation is essential to support and develop affordable housing options to sustain the economy of Key West; and

WHEREAS, current statutes restrict the powers of the land authority to the acquisition and disposition of real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, there is very limited amount of land in Key West appropriate for purchase by the Monroe County Land Authority, and as a result, unused funds languish in Land Authority accounts that could be best used to meet affordable housing, if it could be used for construction, redevelopment and preservation of existing affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, construction costs in an area of critical state concern, subject to stringent environmental, floodplain and windstorm regulations, are prohibitive even on land wholly owned for affordable housing, so there is an unmet need for affordable housing construction funding in Key West and Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, by amending Florida Statutes, to allow the Monroe County Land Authority the ability to use funds to develop or construct affordable housing, in addition to purchasing land, would improve the living conditions of the working residents of the City of Key West;

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

Section 1: That the that the Monroe County legislative delegation is urged to present and support legislation to amend section 380.0663 and related sections of Florida Statutes, to amend the powers of the Monroe County Land Authority to include authority to allocate and obtain funding for the construction, redevelopment and

preservation of affordable housing, in addition to the current powers established in Florida Statutes.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is directed to provide certified copies of this Resolution to Representative Holly Raschein, Senator Dwight Bullard, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, Governor Rick Scott and other interested parties.

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 _____ day of _____, 2015.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2015.

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

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK