

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, REQUESTING MONROE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA JOIN THE CITY OF KEY WEST IN EFFORTS TO ERADICATE INVASIVE IGUANAS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF KEY WEST; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys are afflicted with invasive iguanas, which negatively impact the environment by tunneling through landscapes, under sidewalks and by consuming plants, and defecating on sidewalks, sports fields, swimming pools and even boats;

WHEREAS, the proliferation of invasive iguanas presents a public health hazard, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has published news releases to encourage people to exterminate the large green lizards on private property; and

WHEREAS, the population explosion of invasive iguanas will only get worse unless coordinated efforts are made to control the population of invasive iguanas throughout the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West recently engaged an iguana removal service for certain areas including the cemetery, the police department and Indigenous Park, and more than 100 iguanas were removed in the last week of June alone; and

WHEREAS, without aggressive programs to remove iguanas from state and county property within City borders, local government and citizen efforts to mitigate iguana population of Key West cannot be truly effective; and

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

Section 1: That Monroe County and the State of Florida are hereby requested and urged to join the City of Key West in efforts to eradicate invasive iguanas on public property in and around the City of Key West.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Monroe County Mayor David Rice, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, and Dr. Thomas Reinert, Regional Director Florida Dept of Fish & Wildlife Conservation.

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 _____, 2019.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2019.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2019.

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

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK