

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE
PLAZA LOCATED IN THE CLAYTON STERLING COMPLEX
AS "THE RICHIE GARCIA BASEBALL PLAZA";
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Richie Garcia is an exceptional citizen of the world, whose passion for the baseball and umpiring, is deserving of lasting recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia is a graduate of Key West High School. Class of 1960 and was a member of the Key West High School Baseball Team from 1958-1960; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia began his career umpiring for Little League in 1967, continuing on to umpire for Pony League and then High School games from 1968 to 1969; and

WHEREAS, it was when Mr. Garcia umpired games for Key West Community College, he gained recognition from Coach Demie Mainieri of Miami Dade College who encouraged him to attend umpire school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia's professionalism garnered the respect of players, managers and fans as a big-league umpire for 25 seasons from 1975 until 1999, including All Star Games in 1982 and 1992 as well as four World Series in 1981, 1984, 1991 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, as a professional umpire continued his career as a Major League Baseball Supervisor (MLB) from 2001 until 2009 and then a MLB Consultant from 2010 until 2011; and

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

Section 1: In recognition of his many contributions to the umpiring and all baseball communities, the plaza located within the Clayton Sterling Complex is hereby designated as "Richie Garcia Baseball Plaza," to be marked with a commemorative plaque and a ceremony scheduled for a future date.

Section 2: 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 _____, 2018.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the
Commission on _____ day of _____, 2018.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2018.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Richard Payne	_____
Commissioner Margaret Romero	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK