RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AWARDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #25-004: WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM TO _____ AFTER PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INTERVIEWS WERE MADE BY RES FLORIDA CONSULTING, LLC. AND MOTE MARINE LABORATORY, INC. TO THE CITY COMMISSION AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 23, 2025; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL, UPON LEGAL REVIEW AND CONSENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2025, the City of Key West issued Request for Proposals No. 25-004 (the "RFP") seeking qualified firms to implement a comprehensive Water Quality Monitoring Program; and

WHEREAS, the RFP was publicly advertised and closed on April 17, 2025, at which time five (5) responsive proposals were received from the following firms:

- *RES Florida Consulting, LLC*
- *Ecological Associates, Inc.*
- *Intertek PSI*
- *Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.*
- *Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.; and*

WHEREAS, the City's Evaluation Committee reviewed and scored all proposals based on the evaluation criteria set forth in Request for Proposals #25-004, Water Quality Monitoring Program including qualifications, technical approach, references, cost effectiveness and local preference; and

WHEREAS, a post-meeting audit of the evaluation process conducted following the morning session of the City Commission's June 4, 2025 meeting, it was determined that material scoring and computational errors had occurred and required correction; and

WHEREAS, after correcting the scoring inconsistencies and applying the local vendor preference in accordance with the

City's Code of Ordinances, it was determined that Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. received the highest final score of 457 points, narrowly surpassing RES Florida Consulting, LLC. who received 455 points; and

WHEREAS, during the June 4, 2025 City Commission meeting, the Commission was also made aware of a potential or apparent conflict of interest involving Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and a local pier operator, which was not previously identified in Mote's original proposal; and

WHEREAS, due to the scoring inconsistencies in the evaluation process and the potential conflict of interest raised involving Mote Marine Laboratory, in order to ensure transparency, maintain public trust, and safeguard the integrity of the procurement process, the City Commission determined it would be in the best interest of the City to hear presentations by RES Florida Consulting, LLC and Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc., the two (2) top ranking respondents, and allow each proposer to respond publicly to the questions and concerns of the Commission at a special meeting of the City Commission on July 23, 2025, pursuant to Section 1.9(ii) and Phase II - Selection of Award of Section 2.6 of the Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, due to the corrected evaluation results, it was also determined that RES Florida Consulting, LLC was the most technically qualified proposer, based solely on technical merit, and would have been the highest-ranked firm except for the application of local vendor preference to Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, RES Florida Consulting, LLC and Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. individually presented their proposal to the City Commission and publicly responded to the questions and concerns of the City Commission at the Commission's Special Meeting held July 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, after hearing the presentations and responses provided by RES Florida Consulting, LLC and Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. at the City Commission's special meeting held July 23, 2025, the Commission finds it in the best interest of the City to award the Request for Proposals #25-004: Water Quality Monitoring Program to _____to implement a comprehensive Water Quality Monitoring Program for the City of Key West, Florida;

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

Section 1. Following the presentations made to the City Commission by Mote Marine Laboratory, Inc. and RES Florida Consulting, LLC and public interview with each by the City Commissioners at their special meeting held July 23, 2025, the City Commission hereby awards the Request for Proposal #25-004 Water Quality Monitoring Program for the City of Key West, Florida to _____.

Section 2. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby directed to negotiate a contract with _____ to be brought before the City Commission for approval, following legal review and consent by the City Attorney.

Section 3. 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 _____, 2025.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____day of _____, 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2025.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee	_____

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DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK