RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CITY'S FY-26 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY RELATED DOCUMENTS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS, UPON CONSENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2024, via Resolution 24-319, the City Commission awarded a contract to Gray Robinson, P.A. for a term of two (2) years, with up to three (3) one-year renewals, to provide state lobbying Services for the City of Key West, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2025, the City issued a 60-day Conclusion of Representation notification to Gray Robinson, P.A. initiating the 60-day termination clause resulting in a final termination date of July 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the June 4, 2025 Conclusion of Representation notification, the City entered into contracts with The Southern Group of Florida, Inc. (Southern Group) to provide state lobbying services for a four (4) month term effective July 1, 2025 and ending October 31, 2025 and also with TSG Advocates DC, LLC (TSG) to provide federal lobbying services for a two (2) month term effective July 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, City staff has worked directly with both Southern Group and TSG to develop the City's annual state and federal legislative agenda for 2026; and

WHEREAS, staff has budgeted $150,000 for federal lobbying services and $90,000 for state lobbying services;

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

Section 1: That the City Commission hereby approves the proposed items to be included in the City's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Agenda and hereby directs staff, and the City's state and federal lobbying teams, to advance the Commission's approved priorities, with emphasis on identified high-priority items for 2026.

Section 2: That funds for these lobbying services are budgeted and available in FY 2025/26 Account #001-1201-512-3100.

Section 3: That the City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute any necessary related documents, administrative actions and budget transfers/adjustments, upon advice and consent of the City Attorney.

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 by the City Commission at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2025.

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

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DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK