RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING $75,000.00 TO UNESCO GLOBAL CREATIVE CITY DESIGNATION; ESTABLISHING THE CITY's FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BY RESOLUTON OF THE CITY COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY BUDGET TRANFERS OR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Key West has applied to become a UNESCO Creative City; and

WHEREAS, a "UNESCO Global Creative City" award is a permanent designation with many benefits for Key West as a city that makes culture and creativity a strategic driver for our resilient and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, a UNESCO designation will enable Key West to:

- Be promoted through a global network;
- Stand out as an international destination for literature and the creative arts;
- Be a more powerful draw for authors, playwrights, scriptwriters, artists, actors, and musicians;
- Capitalize on local employment opportunities in the creative fields in Key West;
- Improve educational opportunities; and
- Build sustainable tourism.

WHEREAS, since the benefits are economically valuable to chosen cities in terms of reputation, tourism and revenue, UNESCO requires an on-going commitment from private and public sources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West would be required to commit a monetary amount, annually, to maintain the UNESCO designation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds the benefits of the designation as a UNESCO Creative City to be significant to the City of Key West and in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to demonstrate the commitment of City funds for the UNESCO designation, contingent on receipt of sufficient funding, whether in kind or monetary, from Monroe County TDC and Private Organizations; and

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

Section 1: That $75,000.00 for the UNESCO Global Creative City designation is hereby authorized to be paid to *Key West UNESCO Creative City* for the FY 2025-2026, contingent on the City of Key West receiving the UNESCO Global Creative City designation in the current fiscal year and provided that the City's financial contribution does not exceed $75,000.00.

Section 2: That the City's financial contribution for the

UNESCO Global Creative City designation shall be determined annually by resolution of the City Commission.

Section 3: That *Key West UNESCO Creative City* shall provide the City with an annual report as to the program.

Section 4: That *Key West UNESCO Creative City*, in accordance with Sec. 2-872 of the City of Key West Code of Ordinances, shall permit inspection of its books and records upon demand by the city as a precondition to the receipt of such funding. The city may also conduct program results audits to determine whether the desired results or benefits are being achieved and whether objectives of funding established by the city are being met.

Section 5: The City Manager is hereby authorized to make any necessary budget transfers and amendments.

Section 6: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage, adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

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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 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