

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
KEY WEST, FLORIDA, ANNOUNCING THAT THE PORT OF KEY
WEST IS OPEN FOR VISITORS AND THAT KEY WEST
CONTINUES TO BE A VIBRANT TOURIST DESTINATION,
WITH AMENITIES AND ATTRACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City of Key West enacted a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency on September 5, 2017 due to the impending category 4 Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS beginning the weekend of September 8-10, Key West experienced impacts of Major Hurricane Irma including the evacuation of residents and visitors, a temporary closure of Key West Harbor to all marine traffic, impaired utility services and wind damage; and

WHEREAS, through the concentrated efforts of first responders, volunteers, and recovery personnel from military, government and private entities, the utility infrastructure and many attractions in Key West have been quickly and fully restored, rendering the island safe and enjoyable for residents and visitors, alike; and

WHEREAS, select cruise ships have made port calls in Key West in the past week, bringing visitors who put minimal demands upon local infrastructure, and whose presence are essential to re-starting the economy of Key West and the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, as the residents and infrastructure of the Florida Keys continue to recover from Hurricane Irma, the City Commission seeks to make the public aware that Key West is up and running. Local restaurants, bars, museums, and tour attractions on land and water are able and eager to serve visitors;

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

Section 1: That the City Commission proudly announces that the Port of Key West has substantially recovered from the impacts of Hurricane Irma The Port is open, operational and welcoming visitors.

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 _____, 2017.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2017.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2017.

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| 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