

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CITY OF KEY WEST TO BECOME A "MEMBER" OF THE SEAWALL COALITION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, flooding during king tides is already a costly nuisance and a problem that is expected to grow worse as sea levels continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, some reports state that sea level has risen eight inches since 1950 and its speed has increased threefold in recent years, with some projections forecasting another eight inches of sea level rise in the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise poses a unique threat to all of Florida, given the limestone bedrock beneath much of the state, which allows rising sea water to infiltrate sewage systems and threaten groundwater supplies via salt water intrusion; and

WHEREAS, proactively investing to prevent flooding is a wiser use of resources than spending on flood recovery, as exemplified by FEMA research showing that \$1 spent on disaster prevention saves \$4 in recovery costs; and

WHEREAS, national coordination and support are necessary for coastal towns to fully address the challenge of sea level rise and flooding, and the Seawall Coalition provides a platform

to advocate for national solutions to sea level rise and flooding that invest in and protect our coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Seawall Coalition is a 501(c)4 non-profit, nonpartisan group of elected officials, local government, military groups, businesses and local leaders that seek to unlock national solutions to sea level rise and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Seawall Coalition will provide a forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to sea level rise and flooding that will enhance the City's sea level rise effort; and

WHEREAS, the Seawall Coalition provides opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on sea level rise challenges and solutions; and

WHEREAS, joining the Seawall Coalition will aid the City's efforts to protect against flooding without requiring any financial support or dues from the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that joining the Seawall Coalition will promote the welfare of City residents and ensure the prosperity of the City economy by accelerating solutions to sea level rise and flooding; and

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

Section 1: That City Commission of the City of Key West recognizes the need to advance national solutions to sea level rise and flooding and authorizes the City to participate as a member of the Seawall Coalition to safeguard the welfare of the City's residents.

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