

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-02-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA KEYS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ACT; THANKING THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND STATE REP. HOLLY RASCHEIN FOR THEIR EFFORTS WITH RESPECT TO THAT ACT; AND ENCOURAGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO PASS THE ACT AND THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN THE ACT INTO LAW.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative (“*Amendment 1*”) was on the November 4, 2014 ballot in the state of Florida as an initiated constitutional amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, *Amendment 1* was approved by 75 percent of Florida voters; and

**WHEREAS**, *Amendment 1* provides a continuous source of funding for the protection of Florida's natural resources by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents to conservation efforts over the next 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, those conservation efforts include protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, streams, beaches, and shores; and

**WHEREAS**, the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District (“District”) was created and established, in large part, to accomplish many of those same goals in accordance with the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern protection program under Sections 380.05 and 380.0552, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is located in unincorporated Monroe County in the Florida Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, *Amendment 1* will provide state funding for environmental projects in the unincorporated areas of the Florida Keys, including the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County has begun drafting a stand-alone, comprehensive, environmental stewardship act specifically for the Florida Keys called the “Florida Keys Environmental Stewardship Act” (“FKES”); and

**WHEREAS**, the FKES Act asks the state to provide the Florida Keys with \$25 million a year for the next 20 years, to be used for land conservation and other water-quality projects such as wastewater, storm water, and canal restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has committed to maintain and adopt the formula for the distribution of funds generated by the issuance of the Everglades restoration bonds that are administered by the Florida Communities Trust and are known as the "Mayfield Grant Funds," in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement entered into by various governmental entities in Monroe County on February 20, 2013 and on September 17, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, State Rep. Holly Raschein, R-Key Largo, has supported and has offered to sponsor the FKES bill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District believes that the passage of the Florida Keys Environmental Stewardship Act would be in the best interest of the residents of Monroe County and the residents of the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District wishes to express its appreciation for the efforts of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County and of Rep. Holly Raschein with respect to the FKES Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT IT IS AND SHALL BE THE POLICY AND POSITION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT:**

- 1) That it supports the passage of the Florida Keys Environmental Stewardship Act, and
- 2) That it expresses its sincere thanks to the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County and to State Rep. Holly Raschein for their efforts with respect to the Florida Keys Environmental Stewardship Act, and
- 3) That it encourages the Legislature of the State of Florida to pass the Florida Keys Environmental Stewardship Act and encourages the Governor to sign the bill into law.

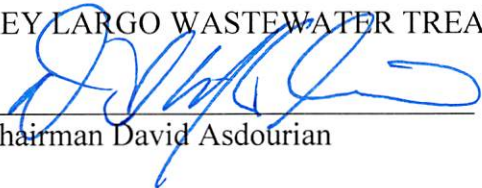
RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS 3 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015

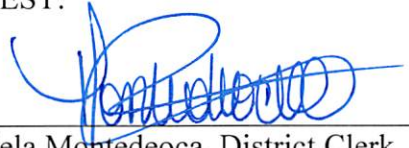
The foregoing RESOLUTION was offered by Commissioner Tobin, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Higgins, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

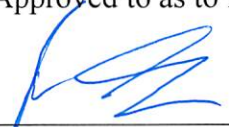
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Chairman Asdourian	<u>✓</u>	_____
Commissioner Gibbs	<u>✓</u>	_____
Commissioner Higgins	<u>✓</u>	_____
Commissioner Majeska	<u>✓</u>	_____
Commissioner Tobin	<u>✓</u>	_____

The Chairman thereupon declared Resolution No. XX-XX-15 duly passed and adopted the 3 day of February, 2015.

KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT

  
Chairman David Asdourian

ATTEST:  
  
Mariela Montedeoca, District Clerk

Approved to as to form and legal sufficiency  
  
General Counsel, Ray Giglio

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