

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 776.013, KNOWN AS THE "STAND YOUR GROUND" LAW; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, since the "Stand Your Ground" law was passed by the Florida Legislature in 2005, the statute has been considered as a defense in a number of controversial cases, including a recently prominent case involving the shooting death of Trayvon Martin by George Zimmerman in Sanford, FL; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is concerned about the adverse social impact of the Stand Your Ground law, and a perceived racial bias that has been promulgated through its application in the court system; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission concurs with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, finding that stand-your-ground laws "...senselessly expand the concept of self-defense and sow dangerous conflict in our neighborhoods,";

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

Section 1: That the Key West City Commission strongly urges the Florida Legislature to repeal Florida Statute 776.013.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Representative Raschein, Senator Bullard, members of the Florida House and Senate leadership, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi and Governor Rick Scott.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is also authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, and to President Barack Obama.

Section 4: That the City Clerk is further authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, the City Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach, the City Councils of the Cities of Marathon and Layton, the Village Council of Islamorada, and the Florida League of Cities.

Section 5: 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

Filed with the Clerk \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK