

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2003-079**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF
THE OLD SEVEN MILE BRIDGE TO THE ORIGINAL DESIGN AND
REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
EXPEDITE THE WORK**

WHEREAS, the old 7-Mile Bridge (between Marathon and Pigeon Key) is the only roadway to Pigeon Key. The limited use of the Bridge creates several undue hardships on Pigeon Key, for example; the delivery of necessary supplies and the creation of a dangerous situation by restricting the access to Pigeon Key for fire and medical vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge has been historically used as a route to special events held on Pigeon Key as well as a viewing platform for events held in the vicinity of the bridge. These said events contribute to the economic well being of the City's tourist economy; and

WHEREAS, the old 7-Mile Bridge is enjoyed by thousands of visitors and locals for sight seeing, walking, bicycling, fishing, sunset watching and other similar activities. People using the old 7-mile bridge are entitled to a safe platform from which to conduct those activities; and

WHEREAS, this portion of the old 7-Mile Bridge is the only portion of the original Flagler Railway that stands largely in its historical condition and is also useable by the public. The old 7-Mile Bridge is on the National Historic Register and should be preserved in its historic condition for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Marathon desire to have the repair of this structure completed as soon as possible to minimize inconvenience and danger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1: The City of Marathon requests that the FDOT take immediate steps to restore the old portion of the 7-Mile Bridge from Marathon to Pigeon Key to a safe condition as close to its original design as a highway bridge as is reasonably practical.

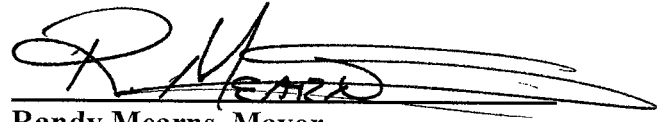
Section 2: The City of Marathon further requests that the FDOT take all steps necessary to expedite this project and bring it to completion as fast as possible.

Section 3: This resolution shall be transmitted to the FDOT secretary in Tallahassee and copied to the District Six secretary.

Section 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the city of Marathon, Florida, this 27th day of May, 2003.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

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Randy Mearns, Mayor

AYES: Repetto, Bartus, Worthington, Mearns
NOES: None
ABSENT: Pinkus
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cindy L. Ecklund', written over a horizontal line.

Cindy L. Ecklund
City Clerk

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