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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 2003-140**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SEA, LAND, AIR TECHNOLOGIES (SALT) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL EXEMPTION FROM THE COMMERCIAL MORATORIUM TO THE CITY OF MARATHON TO ISSUE A BUILDING PERMIT FOR UP TO 3,000 SQ. FT. OF COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION TO ALLOW THE SALT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO BE BUILT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon is interested in the use of alternative technologies as a means of satisfying the provision of essential human needs such as drinking water, electricity, and waste treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Keys Carrying Capacity Study restricts development based on the capacity available for potable water, electricity, sanitary sewer and other natural systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon is currently under a moratorium for commercial construction, the removal of which will require Florida Department of Community Affairs approval; and

**WHEREAS**, normal removal of the commercial moratorium and adoption of NROGO will take up to six months; and

**WHEREAS**, the SALT Demonstration project must move forward in the immediate future or an important opportunity will be lost to this Area of Critical State Concern.

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

**Section 1.** The City of Marathon supports the development of the SALT demonstration project as a means of educating the public regarding the availability and usability of alternative technologies designed to reduce the pressures placed on essential infrastructure and the environment in the City of Marathon and in the Florida Keys.

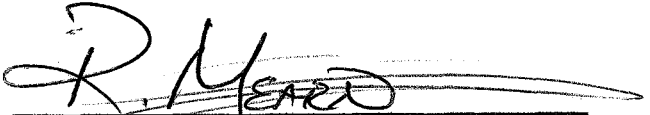
**Section 2.** The City of Marathon City Council urges the Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs to provide for Special Exemption from the Commercial Moratorium to the City of Marathon to issue a building permit for up to 3,000 sq. ft. of commercial construction to allow the

SALT Demonstration project to be built. The 3,000 sq. ft. of commercial space will not impact future NROGO allocations.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the city of Marathon, Florida, this 10th day of November, 2003.

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

  
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**Randy Mearns, Mayor**

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

**ATTEST:**

  
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Cindy L. Ecklund  
City Clerk  
  
(City Seal)