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### CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA RESOLUTION 2003-149

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MONROE COUNTY LAND AUTHORITY IN THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS IN THE CITY FOR CONSERVATION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND. OPEN SPACE AND **RECREATIONAL PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, prior to and subsequent to the incorporation of the City of Marathon, Florida (the "City"), certain funds in Monroe County, Florida's (the County) possession were derived from taxes and assessments and other revenues originating from taxpayers and properties located within the City and remained in the County's budget and treasury; and

WHEREAS, prior to the City's incorporation, certain funds were budgeted by the County for acquisition of properties within the City for affordable housing, conservation of environmentally sensitive, open space and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, additional state and federal programs are available to fund land acquisition projects; and

WHEREAS, such funds were budgeted but not expended by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Land Authority (the "MCLA") is the County agency responsible for the acquisition of land for various purposes, including, but not limited to, affordable housing, conservation of environmentally sensitive land, open space and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City to provide additional affordable housing, conservation, open space and recreational lands within the City.

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The City Council requests the assistance of the MCLA in identifying and acquiring lands within the City to be used for affordable housing, conservation, open space and recreational purposes.

Section 2. Other Land Acquisition Programs Staff is directed to pursue a land acquisition program utilizing other available state and federal funding programs, including, but not limited to Preservation 2000, Florida Communities Trust Funds, Florida Forever Funds, the Trust for Public Lands, and other similar programs.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the city of Marathon, Florida, this 25th day of November, 2003.

## THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

Randy Mearns, Mayor

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

**ATTEST:** Cindy L. Ecklund, City Clerk

(City Seal)

### APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:

City Attorney