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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2003-152**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR, AND A COMMITMENT TO, A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IN MEETING THE STATE'S AND CITY'S OBLIGATIONS RESULTING FROM THE CITY BEING LOCATED IN THE FLORIDA KEYS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN

Whereas, the City of Marathon is located in the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern; and

Whereas, the City of Marathon is required to implement a work program as required by Rule 28-18, F.A.C., until such time as the work program is superseded by the City's new comprehensive plan; and

Whereas, the Department of Community Affairs has determined that the city has not made sufficient progress toward the meeting the requirements of year 5 of the work program; and

Whereas, Secretary Castille has proposed the formation of a partnership between the City of Marathon and the Department of Community Affairs as a means of working toward satisfaction of work program goals.

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

Section 1. The City of Marathon will commit to the following:

1. Wastewater
 - a. Continue working with the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority toward completion of a city-wide central sewer system.
 - b. Commit to assist FKAA in seeking funding central sewer system construction using debt of up to 60% of the project costs with the balance to come from federal and state grants
2. Habitat Preservation and Acquisition
 - a. Continue to identify areas of environmental sensitivity suitable for acquisition.

- b. Develop and implement regulations that will discourage and limit proposed development in environmentally sensitive areas through the City's commercial and residential permit allocation system.
3. Participate in a joint hurricane evacuation exercise with the State and County in May of 2004.
4. Continue to seek and identify funding sources for stormwater management and will establish a storm water utility by the end of 2005.

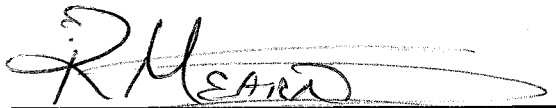
Section 2. The State of Florida, through the Department of Community Affairs will commit to the following:

1. Spending \$33,335,000 within the City of Marathon, over the next three years to acquire environmentally sensitive lands including areas required for habitat protection and lands for affordable housing (29.5% of \$113,000,000).
2. Assist the City of Marathon in its implementation of the city's Stormwater Master Plan and will support and assist in efforts to acquire grant funding for Stormwater capital improvements
3. Increase the annual Affordable Housing allocations to the City of Marathon to 10 annually, starting with the 2003/2004 ROGO year.
4. Provide an additional 62 Affordable Housing allocations for specific affordable housing projects to meet the needs of the low to moderate income households by the end of March 2004.
5. Increase the allocation of Market Rate ROGO Units to 25 annually starting with the 2003/2004 ROGO year.
6. Approve, through the comprehensive plan adoption process set forth in Chapters 163 and 380, Florida Statutes, the lifting of the current commercial moratorium in effect in the City, and permit commercial development within the City through December 31, 2014, pursuant to the findings in the Lambert Advisory Study submitted to the State. The total new commercial floor area to be developed during that time period shall not exceed 250,000 square feet.

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 9th day of December, 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:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Cindy L. Ecklund
City Clerk

(City Seal)