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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 2004-012**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE IMPROVEMENT AND  
WIDENING OF U.S. HIGHWAY 1 TO FOUR LANES FROM FLORIDA  
CITY TO KEY LARGO**

**WHEREAS**, the stretch of highway between Florida City and Key Largo, which is referred to as the 18 Mile Stretch, is utilized by tourists, commuters to and from the mainland, commercial trucking, emergency vehicles, and hurricane evacuators; and

**WHEREAS**, tourism is the Florida Keys' major industry and therefore, the Marathon City Council believes it is the government's obligation to ensure safe and user-friendly roadway access to the Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event of a hurricane, Card Sound Road, which serves as an alternate route to the 18 Mile Stretch, can be impassable due to storm surge; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida Department of Transportation has previously considered three- and four-lane widening options for traffic safety, evacuation time improvements, and environmental restoration for the 18 Mile Stretch.


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

**Section 1.** The Marathon City Council supports the improvement and widening of U.S. Highway 1 to four lanes from Florida City to Key Largo to improve traffic safety, environmental restoration, and decrease hurricane evacuation time.

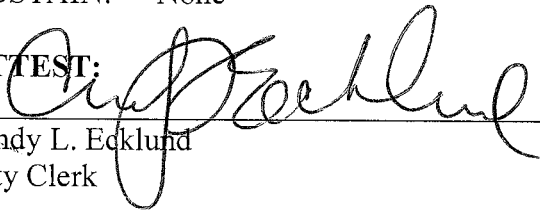
**Section 2.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida, this 27th day of January, 2004

**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

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

  
CITY ATTORNEY