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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2004-063**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MARATHON, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A
FLORIDA FOREVER BOUNDARY MODIFICATION FORM AND
DESIGNATION OF THE CITY OF MARATHON AS LAND MANAGER
THEREIN FOR CONSERVATION AND NATURAL AREA LANDS**

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2003, the City Council of the City of Marathon (the "City") adopted Resolution 2003-149, thereby identifying natural areas appropriate for public acquisition for conservation of environmentally sensitive lands; and

WHEREAS, State funding is available through the Florida Forever program to acquire natural areas in the Florida Keys where such lands are included within a designated Florida Forever project; and

WHEREAS, due to the Area of Critical State Concern designation, Outstanding Florida Waters designation, high biodiversity, and potential impacts on State-owned conservation lands, all properties listed as environmentally sensitive may be candidates to be added to a Florida Forever project via a boundary modification; and

WHEREAS, the City's transitional comprehensive plan has numerous policies that promote the acquisition of lands for various purposes, including, but not limited to, conservation of environmentally sensitive parcels, open space, and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City's transitional comprehensive plan has goals, objectives and policies that direct development away from these environmentally sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the benefit of State acquisition funding, all boundary modification forms must identify a manager for all proposed land acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, the state and federal governments already manage the majority of the publicly owned properties within the Conservation and Natural Areas (CNA) map; and

WHEREAS, there may be some properties listed as environmentally sensitive within the City which the land managing agencies at the state and federal levels are either unable or unwilling to manage and for which the City will be the only available manager.

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

Section 1. City staff is hereby authorized to submit a Florida Forever boundary modification form to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the balance of the

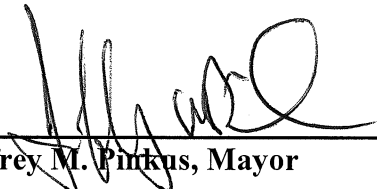
vacant, private property within the sensitive lands list which is not already included within the existing Florida Forever projects.

Section 2. In the event that the Florida Forever boundaries are changed, where there is no willing manager available at the state or federal government level, staff is authorized to identify the City of Marathon as the designated land manager on said boundary modification form.

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 22nd Day of June, 2004.


THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Jeffrey M. Pinkus, Mayor

AYES: Bartus, Bull, Mearns, Miller, Pinkus
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

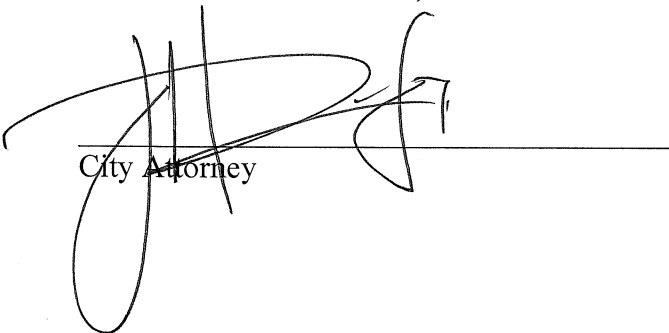
ATTEST:



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