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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 2005-173**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE REPAIR OF THE  
OLD SEVEN-MILE BRIDGE AND REQUESTING CERTAIN  
DESIGN STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, the old Seven Mile Bridge is a vital link to Pigeon Key providing the only means for vehicular access to the island; and

**WHEREAS**, the old Seven Mile Bridge is also shared by thousands of pedestrians, bicyclists, sunset watchers, fisherman, and other nature lovers from all over the world each and every year; and

**WHEREAS**, the old Seven Mile Bridge is an extremely valuable tourist attraction to the City of Marathon, Monroe County and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the old Seven Mile Bridge is the only remaining section of Flagler's Railway that can be experienced in it's original condition since transformation into a highway bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the old Seven Mile Bridge is a National Historic treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon seeks to maintain not only the functions of the bridge, but to preserve as much of this historic monument as is economically feasible.

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

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

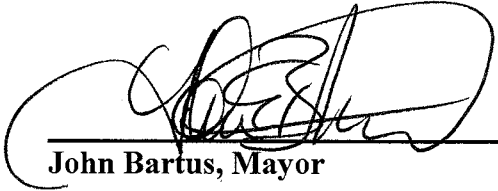
**Section 2.** The City Council supports the reconstruction of the bridge in an expeditious manner so as to minimize the inconvenience and danger to public safety at or on Pigeon Key, and requests the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT): (a) utilize such design techniques that allow the bridge to look as similar to the existing bridge as is possible while using concrete where necessary as a substitute for steel support members, (b) provide for a design that allows for two lanes of traffic to be shared by vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians, (c) restrict the speed limit on the bridge to no more than 25 miles per hour and 15 miles per hour when pedestrians and/or bicycles are present, (d) grant a special variance and allow the bridge rails to be reconstructed out of railroad track utilizing either existing material or new track, (e) work with the County and other necessary agencies to co-ordinate and provide for the installation of water, sewer, electric, and other utilities that may be necessary within the design concept of the replacement bridge.

**Section 3.** The City Council directs a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the District Secretary of the 6<sup>th</sup> District of FDOT.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

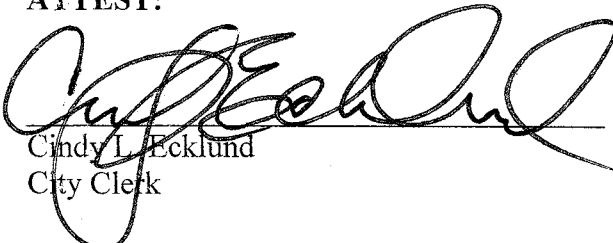
**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the city of Marathon, Florida, this 13th day of December, 2005.

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

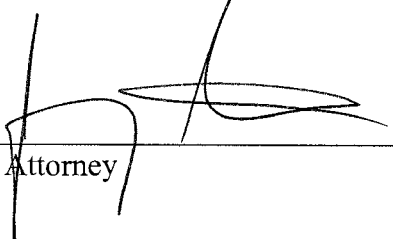
  
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**John Bartus, Mayor**

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

**ATTEST:**

  
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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:**

  
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City Attorney