

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2008-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF FAIR INSURANCE RATES IN MONROE (“FIRM”) TO REDUCE THE PROPOSED MONROE COUNTY WINDSTORM INSURANCE RATES; DIRECTING THE CITY’S STATE LOBBYING TEAM TO PROMOTE THE FIRM LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2006, through the efforts of Fair Insurance Rates in Monroe (“FIRM”), the State of Florida Office of Insurance Regulation issued an Order (the “Order”) which, in part, froze the Monroe County windstorm rates at 2005 levels and authorized actuarial and other studies to determine the appropriate insurance rates and coverages for Monroe county property owners; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature will again be considering insurance issues in the upcoming legislative session and FIRM will be actively lobbying the State Legislature to protect the lower windstorm rates that have been in place for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to assist FIRM in this effort by directing the City’s state lobbying firm to work with FIRM to protect low rates throughout the Florida Keys;

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.

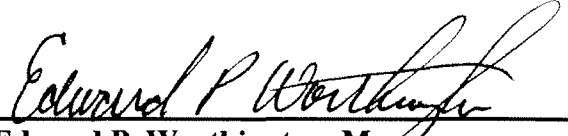
Section 2. The City Council hereby declares its support of FIRM’s continuing efforts to lower windstorm insurance rates in Monroe County.

Section 3. The City Council hereby directs Barreto, Cunningham and May, the City’s lobbying firm in Tallahassee, to work with FIRM to protect and promote lower insurance rates in Monroe County as part of the City’s state legislative agenda for the 2008 legislative session.

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 12th day of February, 2008.


THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Edward P. Worthington, Mayor

AYES: Bull, Cinque, Tempest, Vasil, Worthington
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None


ATTEST:



Diane Clavier
City Clerk

(City Seal)

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



City Attorney