RESOLUTION 2008-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC CORRIDOR ALLIANCE'S EFFORTS FOR NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS AND ALL AMERICAN ROAD DESIGNATION AND FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION FOR U.S. HIGHWAY 1; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance membership includes representatives from all Florida Keys Chambers of Commerce; federal and state agencies and municipalities; national, state and local parks; the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Everglades National Park, non-profit organizations, homeowners associations and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon (the "City") acknowledges that the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor (the "Corridor") provides important historical, scenic, natural, cultural, archaeological and recreational resources within and adjacent to the U.S. Highway 1 (the "Highway") from Key Largo to Key West; and

WHEREAS, the intrinsic qualities provided by the Corridor enhance the driving, biking, walking, paddling and other forms of recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor is also a source for education, enjoyment, healthy exercise and relaxation for residents, and international and domestic visitors to the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also recognizes that designation of the Highway as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road is significant locally, nationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that designation of the Highway as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road will foster resource preservation, economic well-being, general recreational welfare and education of the residents and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the promotion, development and maintenance of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor, the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail and the Florida Keys Overseas Paddling Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City, where appropriate, will assist in furthering the goals of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan and the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Marathon community to assist and support the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in recognizing, preserving and enhancing the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor.

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 supports the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in its efforts for National Scenic Byway / All American Road designation of U.S. Highway 1.

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 11th day of March, 2008.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

Edward P. Worthington, Mayor

AYES:

Cinque, Tempest, Vasil, Bull

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

Worthington

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:

Jimmy Morales, City Attorney