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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2009-16**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS GRATITUDE TO CONGRESSWOMAN ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, SENATOR BILL NELSON AND SENATOR MEL MARTINEZ FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND LEADERSHIP IN HELPING THE FLORIDA KEYS TO SECURE FEDERAL FUNDING; REQUESTING THE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OF CONGRESSWOMAN ROS-LEHTINEN, SENATOR NELSON AND SENATOR MARTINEZ IN WORKING TO SECURE STIMULUS FUNDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys are a world-class destination for tourists who participate in beach activities, swimming, diving, fishing, and boating in near shore waters, the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and the nearby reefs; and

WHEREAS, protection and enhancement of the near shore waters is essential to preserving the Keys as a major tourist destination, and to protecting investment in the Everglades restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys face a State imposed deadline pursuant to the Laws of Florida Chapter 99-935 to complete construction for Advanced Wastewater Treatment by July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon (the "City") has embarked on an ambitious construction program to fully sewer its service area by December 2010; and

WHEREAS, these sewers are required to protect the near shore waters of the Florida Keys, over 95% of which are owned by the Federal and State government; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Water Quality Improvement Program was authorized into law by the Federal government in December 2000 to make the Federal government a funding partner in the construction of sewers; and

WHEREAS, there is approximately \$85,000,000 remaining in this authorization; and

WHEREAS, the City has signed a Project Cooperation Agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government is preparing to pass Economic Stimulus legislation that will include water resources infrastructure funding for both the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Program; and

WHEREAS, the City meets the anticipated requirements to qualify for this Stimulus including “shovel ready” within twelve to twenty-four months, creating new jobs, completion within two years, not obligating the Federal government to operations, maintenance, or other continuing expenses, and being environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon is in a position to provide matching funds for the Stimulus funding.

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.

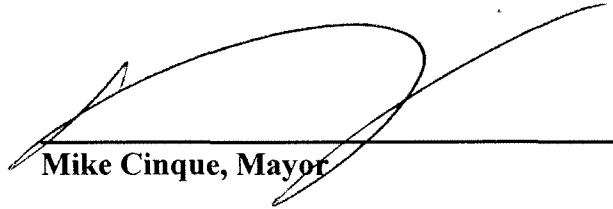
Section 2. **Gratitude for Assistance and Leadership.** The City of Marathon, Florida expresses its gratitude to Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Senator Bill Nelson and Senator Mel Martinez for their assistance and leadership in helping the Florida Keys to secure Federal funding support for Advanced Wastewater Treatment Construction.

Section 3. **Request for Active Assistance to Secure Stimulus Funding.** The City of Marathon requests the active assistance of Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen and Senators Nelson and Martinez in working with the Congress and the Executive Branch of the Federal government, most especially the US Army Corps of Engineers (to include full funding of the 2000 appropriation) and the US Environmental Protection Agency, to secure Stimulus funding for the purpose of sewer construction in the Keys as well as through the regular appropriations process.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida, this 10th day of February, 2009.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Mike Cinque, Mayor

AYES: Ramsay, Snead, Vasil, Worthington, Cinque
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:



Jimmy Morales, City Attorney