

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2010-64**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA KEYS ENVIRONMENTAL COALITIONS (FKEC) CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE RESEARCH, IMPROVED DEFENSE TECHNIQUES, EMERGENCY OPERATION COORDINATION, DEPLOYMENT OF PROTECTION SYSTEMS, STRATEGIES, AND TACTICS, AS A SIGNIFICANT IDEA AND IMPLEMENTATION LEADER FOR DEEP WATER HORIZON OIL SPILL RESPONSE STRATEGY IN PREPARATION FOR AND THE PROTECTION OF ALL OF THE VARIOUS INTERTWINED ECOSYSTEMS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill is the worst oil spill in U.S. history and has the potential to cause unprecedented devastation to the waters and shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico, and that has already resulted in severe economic losses, destruction of wildlife and their habitat, degradation of recreational areas, nature preserves, unique ecosystems and entire ways of life; and

WHEREAS, the threats from the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill continue to escalate due to the continuing release of oil and toxic dispersants into the Gulf of Mexico, causing unique threats that even the greatest and most experienced scientific minds are not able to categorize, quantify, or suggest defenses against; and

WHEREAS, these certain and unprecedented threats may approach the Florida Keys, Monroe County, and the City of Marathon via the Loop Current, the Gulf Stream and other currents within the Gulf of Mexico, and represent peril to the various hyper-sensitive ecosystems of the Florida Keys including the "Backwater", salt and brackish water sections of the Everglades National Park, the coral reefs and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, John Pennekamp State Park, the Gulf Stream offshore fish habitat and irreplaceable national and world treasures; and

WHEREAS, the efficacy of techniques, directives, cooperation, and coordination demonstrated by BP and the Unified Incident Command in the areas already affected by oil intrusion, is unproven and may not adequately protect the safety of the people, wildlife and ecosystems of those areas; and

WHEREAS, the people of Monroe County and the City of Marathon represent one of the most self-sufficient, resilient and knowledgeable communities of people with regard to the preparation and survival of disastrous events, such as hurricanes, the specific behaviors and workings of its ecosystems and the effects of changes on the way of life of the community and residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the leading experts in marine biology, ecosystems and wildlife stewardship specific to the Florida Keys reside and practice their expertise within Monroe County and that world renowned leadership has attracted the support of many more experts from around the U.S. and world; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Environmental Coalition has reached out to leaders in all essential areas for defending the Keys against the pending threats and collected in excess of 4000 volunteers to date, many of which have already taken essential hazardous material oiled wildlife and National Incident Management System (NIMS) training to enable proper leadership and coordination with all Incident Command participants; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Environmental Coalition mission statement includes coordinating and supporting the initiatives of organizations, businesses, and individuals who work to protect the coral reefs and ecosystems of the Florida Keys, and to provide a unified voice for our community.

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 of Marathon does request and encourage that all agents of the Unified Incident Command System, including the US Coast Guard, BP, the State of Florida and its Department of Environmental Protection, US Fish and Wildlife, Florida Fish and Wildlife and all emergency decision making entities associated with Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill response to consider the recommendations of the FKEC with regards to the gathering and deployment of alternative oil response resources and techniques, operational systems and training programs developed and directed via FKEC's steering committee, and research and development efforts, including professional and expert technical leadership in preserving the unique and sensitive ecosystems of the Florida Keys.

Section 3. The City of Marathon demands the best and proper protection of its ecosystems, livelihood and people from the pending threats of the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill and believes that this can best be accomplished with the cooperation of all participating Keys entities in this effort, including the FKEC

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 JULY, 2010.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Ginger Snead, Mayor

AYES: Ramsay, Cinque, Worthington, Keating, Snead
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

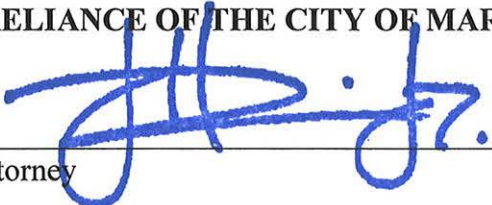
ATTEST:



Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

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



City Attorney