

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING 2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Florida 2015 Legislative Session will convene on March 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon wishes to engage in productive, focused dialogue with the Governor, the Florida State Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Council, staff and lobbyists participated in the development and prioritization of the Legislative Action Agenda;

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 will adopt the City of Marathon 2015 State Legislative Priorities attached hereto and incorporated as "Exhibit A" as part of the formal state legislative priorities for the City.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to our State lobbyists, Senator Dwight Bullard and State Representative Holly Raschein.

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 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Mayor Chris Bull

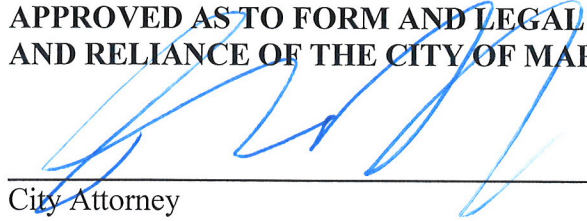
AYES: Keating, Kelly, Senmartin, Zieg, Bull
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Diane Clavier, City Clerk

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



City Attorney

CITY OF MARATHON 2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Issue 1: Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment

Position Statement: Support legislative implementation of Amendment 1, the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment, that recognizes, includes and enhances state funding for critical environmental projects of the Florida Keys as a designated Area of Critical State Concern. Marathon priorities include, but are not limited to: advanced wastewater and water reuse implementation; Coco Plum Beach preservation; Boot Key and further sensitive land acquisition projects; and canal restoration projects as identified in the countywide master plan.

Issue 2: Workforce Housing

Position Statement: Support legislative and regulatory changes to improve access to workforce housing in the City of Marathon, including strategies that address rehabilitation of the existing housing inventory.

Issue 3: Florida Keys Wastewater Funding

Position Statement: Support continued state funding for projects of the Florida Keys Wastewater Treatment Plan pursuant to the ILA Distribution Agreement.

Issue 4: Land Development Regulations impacting the City of Marathon

Position Statement: Support legislative and regulatory initiatives and changes that would provide additional incentives for redevelopment in Marathon, consideration for specific permit allocations and/or fractional allocations for workforce housing to include:

- Coordinate efforts with other jurisdictions/stakeholders
- Future development/permitting issues
- Land Acquisition
- Evacuation Issues

Issue 5: Wind & Flood Insurance Costs

Position Statement: Support state and federal legislative efforts of FIRM (Fair Insurance Rates for Monroe) to reduce wind and flood insurance costs for the residents of Marathon.

Issue 6: Sustainability Initiatives

Position Statement: Support implementation of legislation that enhances and develops long term sustainability research and implementation of issues, including but not limited to solar,

waste to energy and recycling. Also, support legislation that will increase number and amount of available grants and other funding mechanisms for sustainability and energy efficiency programs at the local level.

Issue 7: Local Control

Position Statement: Support full cost reimbursement to the City for all future federal, state or county-mandated programs. Oppose any legislation that preempts local authority. Each community has unique needs and characteristics that are best addressed by the local governing body. Oppose any new program mandates that are unfunded and/or partially funded.