

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 2021-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT BY THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SUPPORT THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING A NEW HOSPITAL IN MARATHON**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon recognizes the importance of and supports retaining a community hospital for quality health care in Marathon and the Middle Keys while aiding in the investment in our community and preserving our home values by maintaining health care service and the construction of our community hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Fisherman's Community Hospital is closed due to the effects of Hurricane Irma; and

**WHEREAS**, Baptist Health South Florida, which owns Fisherman's Community Hospital, has announced plans to build an entirely new hospital in Marathon; and

**WHEREAS**, special districts ensure accountability of public resources, since special districts are held to the same high standards as municipalities and counties; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council is in support of the creation of a special taxing district from the 47<sup>th</sup> mile marker to the 63<sup>rd</sup> mile marker for a term of ten years or less at a millage rate of 0.5 mils or less; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County has enacted an ordinance creating a municipal service taxing unit (MSTU) within Monroe County to levy and collect ad valorem taxes for indigent health care services within designated incorporated and unincorporated areas of Monroe County, including properties located within Marathon County Election Precincts 18 through 22 and 23.01, 23.02, 23.03, and 23.04, approximately corresponding to mile markers 40 through 66 inclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Marathon voted to consent to the inclusion of the incorporated area of Marathon, Florida within the MSTU subject to annual review according to Ordinance 2018-08; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council has determined that it would be in the best interest of the owners of properties within the incorporated area of Marathon, Florida to extend said consent for an additional year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council continues to support the creation of a special taxing district for a term not to exceed ten years and at a millage rate not to exceed 0.5 mills to support the infrastructure investment of constructing and operating a new hospital in Marathon.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.**

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

  
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**Luis Gonzalez, Mayor**

AYES: Zieg, Cook, Bartus, Gonzalez  
NOES: Senmartin  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**ATTEST:**

  
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Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

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

  
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Steven Williams, City Attorney