

RESOLUTION NO. 17-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO ENSURE THAT ALL SERVICES WILL REMAIN ACCESSIBLE TO ALL RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, ANCESTRY, RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, COLOR, AGE, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER VARIANCE, MARITAL STATUS, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY OR RELIGION; AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY SHALL NOT REQUEST OR MAINTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT, OR INVESTIGATE OR ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS OF ANY PERSON UNLESS SUCH INQUIRY IS REQUIRED BY A VALID STATE OR FEDERAL LAW; ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT ENSURE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN NEW AND LONG-TIME RESIDENTS REMAIN POSITIVE ONES, THEREBY ENSURING THE COMMUNITY'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VITALITY REMAINS STRONG; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Key West has long been recognized as a welcoming, safe environment where families and individuals are freely encouraged to express themselves without fear of reprisal or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Key West is a small island-city whose economy is dependent on tourism and, by extension, on its relaxed atmosphere and welcoming reputation; and

WHEREAS, immigration enforcement actions in a small resort town like Key West are not likely to be productive, but instead will tend to hurt its atmosphere, reputation, and economy as a vacation destination; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Key West, no individual should ever have to fear interacting with their municipal government in any way; and

WHEREAS, everyone should be comfortable coming forward cooperating with law enforcement, giving evidence, reporting crimes without concern that they will be deported or actions will be taken against them; and

WHEREAS the City Commission desires that its law enforcement personnel cooperate with federal authorities wherever it is appropriate; however, unless essential for law enforcement purposes, an inquiry about immigration status or religious affiliation is unwarranted; and

WHEREAS, Key West's "One Human Family" philosophy represents a commitment to protect the human rights of all citizens, and at this time in history is more valuable than ever to guide us forward; and

WHEREAS, a core of democracy is the idea that all people can participate in it equally, respectfully, and according to their own unique abilities, and that together we can build a future that will benefit all of us and our posterity; and

WHEREAS, the Key West City Commission categorically condemns violence, discrimination, hate, intimidation, harassment or similar acts that undermine the fabric of what makes the Key West community unique and vibrant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City of Key West is committed to serve all residents and affirms that all services will remain accessible to all residents, regardless of immigration status, ancestry, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender variance, marital status, physical or mental disability, or religion.

Section 2: That the City of Key West shall not request or maintain information about, or otherwise investigate or assist in the investigation of, the citizenship or immigration status of any person, unless such inquiry is required by a valid state or federal law.

Section 3: That the City of Key West encourages the development of policies and practices to ensure that interactions between new and long-time residents remain positive ones, thereby ensuring that the community's social and economic vitality remains strong.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 16 day of May, 2017.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 17 day of May, 2017.

Filed with the Clerk on May 17, 2017.

Mayor Craig Cates	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Richard Payne	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Margaret Romero	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Yes</u>



CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:


CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK