

RESOLUTION NO. 17-04-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO EXPLORING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOLL ROAD OF PART OF US HIGHWAY 1 WITHIN MONROE COUNTY TO ASSIST IN FUNDING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS, WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS, AND OTHER PRESSING NEEDS WITHIN ISLAMORADA AND THE FLORIDA KEYS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys, including Islamorada, Village of Islands (the “Village”) has become an extremely popular tourist destination, with most visitors entering the Florida Keys via U.S. Highway 1 (“US-1”); and

WHEREAS, the influx of seasonal visitors in the Village has impacted the needs of the local population that lives within an area of limited natural resources and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands (the “Village Council”) is aware of the impact that increased tourism has had on the resources of the Village as well as on its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council recognizes the vital importance of tourist and visitors to the local economy, the Village Council has determined that visitors and tourists can contribute to alleviating the negative impacts of a vibrant tourist-based economy on local infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a non-transportation toll on US-1 has long been identified as a possible source of funding to address some of the impacts on natural resources and local infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Village Council recognizes the vital importance of tourist and visitors to the local economy, the Village Council has determined that visitors and tourists can contribute to alleviating the negative impacts of a vibrant tourist-based economy; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County, Florida (the “County”) has a long-established toll on Card Sound Road; and

WHEREAS, tolls have been otherwise established in other areas of the State to assist with non-transportation costs associated with the secondary effects of such impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to explore all options related to the establishment of a toll on US-1 to assist in funding transportation improvements, water quality improvements, and other pressing needs within the Village and the rest of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council further recognizes the importance of engaging all relevant stakeholders at the Federal, State and Local levels in exploring the feasibility of establishing proposed US-1 toll lanes within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to memorialize its intent to explore the feasibility of establishing US-1 toll lanes coming into the Florida Keys and requests the support from all five (5) municipalities within the County as well as from the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners (“BOCC”).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. **Exploring Feasibility of Proposed Toll on U.S. Highway 1.** The Village Council hereby states its intent to explore the feasibility of proposed US-1 toll lanes coming into the Florida Keys to assist in funding transportation improvements, water quality improvements, and other pressing needs within the Florida Keys. The Village Council hereby requests the support and from all five (5) municipalities within Monroe County as well as from the BOCC in adopting similar Resolutions.

Section 3. **Transmittal.** The Village Clerk is directed to furnish copies of this Resolution to:

- Monroe County Board of County Commissioners
- City of Key Colony Beach
- City of Key West
- City of Layton
- City of Marathon

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

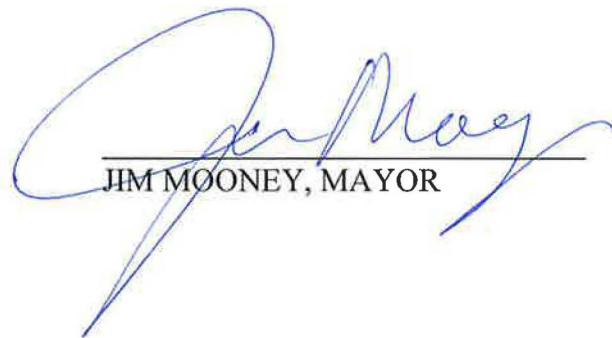
Motion to adopt by Councilman Mike Forster, second by Councilwoman Deb Gillis.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS:

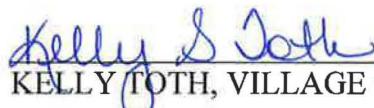
Mayor Jim Mooney	YES
Vice-Mayor Chris Sante	YES
Councilman Mike Forster	YES
Councilwoman Deb Gillis	YES
Councilwoman Cheryl Meads	YES

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2017.



Jim Mooney
JIM MOONEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Kelly S. Toth
KELLY TOTH, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS ONLY



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