

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FLORIDA SENATE BILL 966 AND HOUSE BILL 661, WHICH, IF PASSED, WOULD ALLOW CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH PILOT PROGRAMS FOR THE REGULATION OR BAN OF DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BAGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, City staff has received notice that the Florida Legislature is considering SB 966, and HB 661, which would allow certain municipalities to establish by ordinance a pilot program to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags, so long as such ordinance does not include any new taxes or fees on the use or distribution of disposable plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the City Commission passed Resolution No. 13-077 in support of bills that expressed an intent similar to HB 966 and SB 661, which would have allowed a ban on plastic bags under certain conditions, had it passed;

WHEREAS, the City Commission is concerned about the environmental impact of disposable bags on the environment, and finds that state government will gain access to valuable data upon which more effective legislation can be based, if certain

municipalities provide regular reports, in conformance with SB 966 and HB 661, to the public and to FDEP; and

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

Section 1: That the Key West City Commission supports HB 966 and SB 661 and urges its legislators to support such measures.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Representative Raschein, Representative Richardson (HB-661 Sponsor), Representatives Geller, Jacobs, Rehwinkel Vasilinda, and J. Rodriguez (Co-Sponsors), Senator Bullard (SB-996 Sponsor), Governor Rick Scott and members of the House and Senate leadership.

Section 3: 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 _____ day of _____, 2015.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the
Commission on _____ day of _____, 2015.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2015.

Mayor Craig Cates _____
Vice Mayor Mark Rossi _____
Commissioner Teri Johnston _____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez _____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow _____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley _____
Commissioner Tony Yaniz _____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK