

RESOLUTION NO. 393 - 2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MONROE AND INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITIES OF MONROE COUNTY ON ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING; DIRECTING THE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC) TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITIES OF LAYTON, KEY COLONY BEACH, MARATHON AND KEY WEST, AS WELL AS THE VILLAGE OF ISLAMORADA, TO AN AHAC MEETING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, there is an affordable housing crisis in the Florida Keys, and this crisis extends to many parts of the State and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, many factors have been identified which contribute to the lack of affordable housing in unincorporated Monroe County and the cities of Layton, Key Colony Beach, Marathon and Key West, as well as the Village of Islamorada, and these factors affect the housing climate county-wide; and

WHEREAS, the workforce housing crisis has no municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, employees do not necessarily reside in the economic centers in which they work; and

WHEREAS, only through coordinated and concentrated efforts can meaningful solutions be reached that can positively impact affordable and workforce housing; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners and County staff have a goal of facilitating the preservation and creation of affordable/workforce housing in conjunction with the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee has indicated its desire for a comprehensive, county-wide approach to the workforce housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Board of County Commissioners find that county-wide cooperation is essential to address the ever-growing concern and to create and preserve workforce housing for generations to come; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Monroe County Commission supports and encourages collaboration between the County and its five municipalities in order to address the issues of affordable and workforce housing.

Section 2: The Monroe County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) is directed to invite the representatives of the municipalities to an AHAC meeting in order to share insight and to share ideas in finding solutions to the workforce housing crisis.

Section 3: Monroe County staff shall continue to collaborate and exchange information with each municipality and is authorized to solicit information from each municipality for the purpose of creating a county-wide inventory of all workforce housing units to assist at understanding the county-wide workforce housing crisis. .

Section 4: This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 17th day of November, 2015.

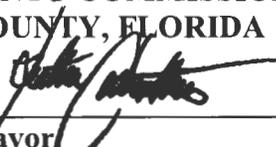
Mayor Heather Carruthers	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem George Neugent	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Danny Kolhage	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner David Rice	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy	<u>Yes</u>

(SEAL)



Attest: AMY HEAVILIN, CLERK
Danny Robertson
 Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
 Mayor

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 CYNTHIA L. HALL
 ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
 Date 11-9-2015