FLORIDA KEYS STEWARDSHIP ACT

Pursuant to the Florida Keys Stewardship Act:

- **Support $20M appropriation** to construct water quality projects to improve/protect the quality of the Florida Keys’ nearshore waters and the marine environment of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. (*Local Commitment: $7M in local funding expended, and commitment of $20M in County RESTORE funding.)*

- **Support $5M appropriation** within Florida Forever for land acquisition within the Florida Keys that will both retire development rights AND conserve environmentally sensitive land. (*Local Commitment: $12M in local funding.)*

STATE-COUNTY PARTNERSHIP ON TAKINGS JUDGMENTS

- Support HB 587 (Raschein) / SB 748 (Flores): to codify a shared 50%-50% apportionment of State-County responsibility for takings judgments (a consequence of state-designated Area of Critical State Concern, growth limitations, and hurricane evacuation requirements) and protects property rights by providing a more expedient and certain process for recovering the compensation due to property owners whose property a Court has determined has been taken as a result of State-imposed growth limits.

- Support HB 2731 (Raschein) Compensation to Property Owners: Appropriation of $460,000 to reimburse Monroe County for State’s 50% share of payment to compensate property owners whose rights were found to be violated by State-imposed growth restrictions per Ch. 380, Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern.

CITIZENS WIND INSURANCE

- Support legislation to reduce Monroe’s annual wind insurance 10% rate increase glide path, recognizing that Monroe County pays the highest Citizens premium rate in the State despite having the strongest building code in the State.

VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS

- Support legislation (including local bill) that provides a permanent “carve out” for Monroe County from preemptive vacation rental regulations to enable the County to amend/update its vacation rental regulations in order to preserve its supply of workforce housing; or legislation that would allow local governments with grandfathered ordinances to amend and update their regulations without losing their grandfathered status.

VESSELS

- Support legislative efforts to reduce the number derelict vessels and ensure sufficient funding to remove and dispose of derelict vessels.

- Support HB 2813 (Clemons) Mobile Vessel Pumpout Program: Appropriation of $750,000 to support the County’s vessel pump out program to protect the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary waters.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND ISSUES

- Support HB 4205 (Rodriguez) $500,000 appropriation for security and facility upgrades to Monroe County’s Baker Act Receiving Facility.

- Support State funding and legislation to encourage resiliency planning and hardening, to protect Florida’s coral reef tract, and to support Everglades Restoration.

- Support efforts to promote the development of affordable housing including funding avenues like tax credits awards for Florida Keys, SAIL funding, full appropriation of Sadowski Trust Fund.

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