RESOLUTION NO. 19-08-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 17-03-20 TO REVISE THE HIGH SCHOOL AFFILIATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISLAMORADA YOUTH COUNCIL; ADDRESSING THE NUMBER OF SEATED MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands (the “Village”) adopted Resolution No. 13-10-81, thereby establishing the Islamorada Youth Council; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council is amended from time to time in response to changes in the community and student interests;

WHEREAS, the Youth Council provides the youth of Islamorada with the opportunity to participate in the Village’s decision-making process through recommendations to the Village Council; and

WHEREAS, due to the closing of Island Christian School at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, the Village wishes to amend the affiliation requirements to receive all applications from Coral Shores High School; and

WHEREAS, in response to an increased interest of local high school students, staff recommends the number of seated Youth Council Members be increased from eight (8) to ten (10); and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that amending the high school affiliation requirement and increasing the membership on the Islamorada Youth Council to be in the best interest of the Village.

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. Amendment to Resolution. Resolution No. 17-03-20 is hereby amended to read as follows.

Additional text is shown as underlined; deleted text is shown as strikethrough.

Section 2. Establishment of Islamorada Youth Council. The Village Council established the Islamorada Youth Council (the “Youth Council”) on October 23, 2013 to make recommendations to the Village Council concerning youth issues and youth community initiatives.

Section 3. Membership and Term. The Youth Council shall be comprised of eight (8) ten (10) members. All members of the Youth Council shall be residents of the Upper Keys, and actively enrolled in a public or private high school in grades nine (9) through twelve (12). The Youth Council shall consist of five (5) ten (10) members from Coral Shores High School and three (3) members from Island Christian School, and to be appointed by the schools. The appointments shall be subsequently approved by the Village Council. The members shall serve on the Youth Council for a term of one (1) year. The terms of the Youth Council Members will expire and new members will be appointed in September of each year.

Section 4. Meetings and Powers. Meetings of the Youth Council shall be held monthly or as often as the Youth Council determines is needed to complete its Duties and Responsibilities. All meetings shall be open to the public and notice of such meetings shall be given as required by state law. A majority of currently appointed members of the Youth Council shall constitute a quorum. Provided there is a quorum present, an affirmative vote of the majority of those members present shall be required to take official action. Each of the proposed recommendations of the Youth Council shall be by a majority vote of the members of the Youth Council. The Youth Council, at its first meeting, shall organize itself by electing one (1) of its members as the chair, one (1) member as the vice-chair.
Section 5. Disqualification of Members and Compensation. Should any Youth Council member miss three (3) consecutive meetings without justification, whether regular meetings or special meetings, that person shall be disqualified as a member of the Youth Council the appointing school shall be contacted to recommend a successor for the balance of the unexpired term of the vacant seat. Such successor shall be subsequently approved by the Village Council. The members of the Youth Council shall serve without compensation or reimbursement.

Section 6. Goals and Objectives.

a. Act as an advisory board to the Village Council representing the youth of Islamorada regarding youth issues and initiatives.

b. Promote and encourage youth to become effective leaders in the community by helping shape the future of Islamorada.

Section 7. Duties and Responsibilities.

a. Evaluate and review concerns of youth in Islamorada.

b. Advise the Village Council on issues presented to the Youth Council for advice.

c. Conduct public meetings and solicit input.

d. Take a separate vote on each recommendation.

e. Provide reports to the Village Council, at least quarterly, to share ideas and discuss issues, concerns, and recommended improvements.

f. Present recommendations to the Village Council for public projects and programs.

g. Assist in planning youth/recreation activities.

Section 8. Staff Participation. At all meetings of the Youth Council, at least one Village staff member shall be present to provide information, support, and input regarding the issues raised by the Youth Council and to record the minutes of the meeting.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Motion to adopt by Vice Mayor Mike Forster; second by Councilman Ken Davis.
FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS

Mayor Deb Gillis                   YES
Vice Mayor Mike Forster            YES
Councilwoman Cheryl Meads          ABSENT
Councilman Jim Mooney               YES
Councilman Ken Davis                YES

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.

DEB GILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KELLY TOJH, VILLAGE CLERK

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

ROGET V. BRYAN, VILLAGE ATTORNEY