RESOLUTION NO. 13-10-81

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

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires input from the youth of Islamorada regarding issues concerning the youth, as well as youth programs, projects and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that establishment of an 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. Establishment of Islamorada Youth Council. The Village Council hereby establishes the Islamorada Youth Council (the “Youth Council”) 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 five (5) members. All members of the Youth Council shall be residents of Islamorada, Village of
Islands and actively enrolled in a public or private high school in grades nine through twelve. The Youth Council shall consist of three (3) members from Coral Shores High School and two (2) members from Island Christian School, 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. Notwithstanding the established term, the first Youth Council shall be appointed in January 2014 and serve until the new members are appointed in September 2014.

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 and the Village Council Member who appointed the Youth Council member shall appoint a successor for the balance of the unexpired term of the vacant seat. 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 7. 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 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.
Motion to adopt by Councilman Ken Philipson; second by Councilman Mike Forster.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA:

Mayor Ted Blackburn        YES
Vice Mayor Deb Gillis      YES
Councilman Mike Forster    YES
Councilman Ken Philipson   YES
Councilman Dave Purdo      YES

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of October, 2013.

TED BLACKBURN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ARIANA S. LAWSON, VILLAGE CLERK

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

VILLAGE ATTORNEY