RESOLUTION NO. 14-02-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, NOMINATING CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR PURCHASE BY THE MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY AS CONSERVATION LAND; REQUESTING THAT TITLE TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES BE TRANSFERRED TO THE VILLAGE AFTER ACQUISITION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, tropical hardwood hammock is an environmentally sensitive ecosystem that occurs primarily within Monroe County, Florida and is a critical habitat for many threatened and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 7, Plantation Beach, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 76 of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida (hereinafter "subject properties") are located within the municipal boundaries of Islamorada, Village of Islands (the “Village”) and consist of environmentally sensitive land populated with tropical hardwood hammock; and

WHEREAS, the Village owns conservation land (Lot 13) adjoining the subject properties; and

WHEREAS, purchase of the subject properties as conservation land is consistent with the policies of the Village’s Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has agreed to sell the subject properties to the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (hereinafter "Land Authority") as conservation land; and
WHEREAS, the Land Authority desires to purchase the subject properties as conservation land and transfer title to the subject properties to the Village subject to the execution of a conservation easement thereupon; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to nominate the subject properties for purchase by the Land Authority as conservation land and request that the Land Authority transfer title to the subject properties to the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE 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. Nomination and Transfer of Title. The Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands, hereby nominates Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 7, Plantation Beach, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 76 of the Public Records of Monroe County, Florida for purchase by the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority as conservation land. Upon the Land Authority’s purchase of the subject properties, the Village Council hereby requests that the Land Authority transfer title to the subject property to the Village.

Section 3. Authorization to Execute Conservation Easement. The Village Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Conservation Easement attached as Exhibit “A” hereto in favor of the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect 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

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

YES
YES
YES
YES
YES

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 13th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

TED BLACKBURN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SYNTHIA LANKFORD, VILLAGE CLERK

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

ROGER V. BRYAN, VILLAGE ATTORNEY