

RESOLUTION NO. 110 - 2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA KEYS SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR ALLIANCE AND EFFORTS FOR NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS AND ALL AMERICAN ROAD DESIGNATION AND FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 1997 Clean Florida Keys applied to the State of Florida Department of Transportation Scenic Byways Program to designate the Florida Keys Overseas Highway as a state scenic highway; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation designated the Florida Keys Overseas Highway a state scenic highway in June 2001; and

WHEREAS, in July 2007, the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance was established to be the Corridor Management Entity that is responsible for implementing the goals and objectives of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway; and

WHEREAS, the state scenic highways program allows application to the National Scenic Byways program for national recognition; and

WHEREAS, the National Scenic Byways designation recognizes those roads across the country that exhibit one or more of six intrinsic qualities – scenic, natural, historic, recreational, archaeological, or cultural – contributing towards a unique travel experience; and

WHEREAS, to be considered for designation as a National Scenic Byway, a road must possess characteristics of regional significance within at least one of the intrinsic quality categories; and

WHEREAS the Florida Keys Scenic Highway contains all six intrinsic qualities; and

WHEREAS, as of 2006, there are 126 National Scenic Byways from 44 states, of which only 26 also are designated as All American Roads, which are significant locally, nationally, and globally; and

WHEREAS, the main benefit to scenic highway designation is resource protection to preserve, enhance and maintain corridor resources for future generations to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the scenic highway designation will promote overall economic growth by generating an increase in demand for travel industry services such as recreational tours, lodging, restaurants, gas stations and other tourist-related businesses; which will be felt in all sectors of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the byway must demonstrate strong community support and develop a corridor management plan that describes in details the preservation, marketing and improvement strategies for the byway; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance membership includes representatives from all Florida Keys chambers of commerce; municipalities, and federal and state agencies national, state and local parks; the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Everglades National Park, non-profit organizations, homeowners associations and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor (the "Corridor") provides important historical, scenic, natural, cultural, archaeological and recreational resources within and adjacent to the U.S. Highway 1 (the "Highway") from Key Largo to Key West; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners also acknowledges that the intrinsic qualities provided by the Corridor enhance the driving, biking, walking and paddling experiences, as well as other forms of recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Corridor is a source for education, enjoyment, healthy exercise and relaxation for residents, and international and domestic visitors to the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners also recognizes the importance of the designation of U.S. Highway 1 as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners believes that designation of U.S. Highway 1 as a National Scenic Byway / All American Road will foster resource preservation, economic well-being, general recreational welfare and education of the residents and visitors of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners supports the promotion, development and maintenance of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor, the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail and the Florida Keys Overseas Paddling Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners benefits from the location of existing and planned facilities for the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, where appropriate, will assist in furthering the goals of the Florida Keys Scenic Highway Corridor Management Plan and the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners finds that it is in the best interests of the Keys community to assist and support the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in recognizing, preserving and enhancing the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor.

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

Section 1. That the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance in its efforts for National Scenic Byway / All American Road designation of U.S. Highway 1.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

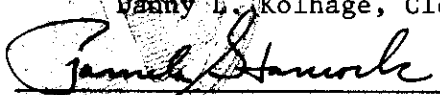
PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2008.

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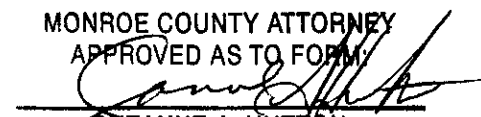
Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Mario Di Gennaro Yes
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy Yes
Commissioner George Neugent Yes
Commissioner Dixie Spehar Yes



Charles "Sonny" McCoy, MAYOR

ATTEST:
Danny L. Kolhage, Clerk


CLERK OF THE COURT

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM


SUZANNE A. HUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 4/17/08