

RESOLUTION 23-03-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA,
VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA
HOUSE BILL 363 AND FLORIDA SENATE BILL 336 EACH
RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC
PRODUCTS; URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT
AND PASS SUCH BILLS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, according to the data from the Environmental Protection Agency, there is a significant amount of plastics floating in the ocean and polluting our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the long-term negative impact of certain plastic products on the environment, particularly single-use plastics found in abundance in the marine environment is harming Florida's ecology and economy for many coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to the ongoing welfare of Florida's ecology and economy, that there is regulation of single-use plastic products; and

WHEREAS, Representative James V. Mooney, whose district includes Islamorada, Village of Islands (the "Village"), submitted House Bill 363; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, whose district also covers the Village, submitted Senate Bill 336, together with House Bill 363, hereinafter referred to as the "Bills"; and

WHEREAS, both Bills provide for establishment of pilot programs by "coastal communities" to regulate single-use plastic products; and

WHEREAS, the Village is considered a "Coastal Community" under the definition set forth in both of the Bills; and

WHEREAS, such pilot program would allow a Coastal Community to regulate single-use plastic products and collect data relating to the effectiveness and impacts of such regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village (the "Village Council") urges the passing of the Bills to promote regulation of single-use plastics by Coastal Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council recognizes that regulation of single-use plastics by Coastal Communities will enhance the long-term sustainability of the Village's environment, economy and quality of life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this Reference.

Section 2. Supporting Passage of Bills. The Village Council hereby reaffirms its strong support for the passage of the Bills by the Florida Legislature.

Section 3. Transmittal. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Florida State Representative James V. Mooney, Florida State Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2023.

Motion to adopt by Council Member Mark Gregg Seconded by Vice Mayor Sharon Mahoney.

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FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III Yes
Vice Mayor Sharon Mahoney Yes
Council Member Mark Gregg Yes
Council Member Elizabeth Jolin Yes
Council Member Henry Rosenthal Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF MARCH, 2023.


JOSEPH B. PINDER III, MAYOR

ATTEST:


MARNE MCGRATH, VILLAGE CLERK

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


JOHN J. QUICK, VILLAGE ATTORNEY

