RESOLUTION 00-12-91

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF US1 FROM FLORIDA CITY SOUTH TO KEY LARGO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the stretch of highway between Florida City and Key Largo, which is referred to as the 18 mile stretch, is utilized by tourists, commuters to and from the mainland, commercial trucking, emergency vehicles and hurricane evacuators; and

WHEREAS, tourism is the Florida Keys major industry and therefore, the Marathon City Council believes it is the City's obligation to ensure a safe and user friendly roadway access to the Keys; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a hurricane, Card Sound Road, which serves as an alternate route to the 18 mile stretch can be impassable due to storm surge; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Department of Transportation has designated several roadway improvement projects in an effort to improve traffic safety, provide environmental restoration and decrease the hurricane evacuation times in Monroe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1.</u> <u>Recitals.</u> The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The Marathon City Council supports the State of Florida Department of Transportation in its efforts to widen the 18 mile stretch from Florida City South to Key Largo to promote traffic safety, environmental restoration and decrease hurricane evacuation time.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20 day of DECEMBER, 2000

ROBERT K. MALLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CITY ATTORNEY