

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2018-38**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROPOSAL TO CREATE A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO SUPPORT THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT OF CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING A NEW HOSPITAL IN MARATHON

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon recognizes the importance of and supports retaining a community hospital for quality health care in Marathon and the Middle Keys while aiding in the investment in our community and preserving our home values by maintaining health care services and the construction of our community hospital; and

WHEREAS, Fishermen's Community Hospital is closed due to the effects of Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, Baptist Health South Florida, which owns Fishermen's Community Hospital, has announced plans to build an entirely new hospital in Marathon; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Monroe County Commissioners is proposing creating a special taxing district from the 47th mile marker to the 63rd mile marker to support the infrastructure investment of constructing and operating a new hospital in Marathon; and

WHEREAS, special districts ensure accountability of public resources, since special districts are held to the same high standards as municipalities and counties; and

WHEREAS, this Council is in support of the creation of a special taxing district for a term of ten years or less at a millage rate of .5 mils or less;

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

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Council supports the creation of a special taxing district for a term not to exceed ten years and at a millage rate not to exceed 0.5 mils to support the infrastructure investment of constructing and operating a new hospital in Marathon.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

Michelle Coldiron, Mayor

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE
AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:**

David Migut, City Attorney