

**FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION**
April 15, 2008

WHEREAS, Inwater Research Group Incorporated, a nonprofit, 501(3)(c), has conducted a three-year pilot study of the sea turtle use in and around the Key West National Wildlife Refuge, and has made several, unprecedented scientific discoveries regarding sea turtle biology and habitat use; and

WHEREAS, these discoveries indicate that this area of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary is of regional and international importance to several species of sea turtle; and

WHEREAS, this project shows great promise to adding to our understanding of the importance of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and habitats for these protected species; and

WHEREAS, funding for these projects expires in September, 2008;

THEREFORE, it be resolved by the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council that a letter be drafted by the Superintendent in support of the Inwater Research Group in acquiring further funding from any governmental or nongovernmental funding source.

Passed unanimously on this date: April 15, 2008.

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