

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES AS FIRST RESPONDERS AS FEDERALLY MANDATED; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS RESPONDER SYMBOL AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2003, President George W. Bush issued Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) and Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), officially recognizing public works as first responders; and

WHEREAS, Public Works agencies play an essential role in disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, during emergency situations such as severe weather events, natural disasters, and infrastructure failures, Public Works employees are among the first to respond, providing essential services such as debris removal, utility repair, and ensuring accessibility to vital areas; and

WHEREAS, Public Works employees undergo training programs specific to first responder roles such as emergency management, basic medical response and incident command systems; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department, in conjunction with the Police Department, is the lead agency for emergency events in the City of Key Colony Beach ("City") spearheading the coordination of planning, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the American Association of Public Works Association ("APWA") Board of Directors announced its adoption of a national "Public Works First Responder" symbol to be used throughout North America to identify public works personnel and acknowledge their federally mandated role as first responders; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission would like to authorize the City's Public Works Department to use the Public Works First Responder symbol, as adopted by the APWA, to ensure the symbol is displayed wherever appropriate and raise awareness about the crucial role Public Works plays in emergency management efforts; and

WHEREAS, in response to Federal Mandate, the Mayor and City Commission would like to designate the City's Public Works Employees as First Responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Approval. The City Commission hereby approves the designation of the City's Public Works Department employees as First Responders, as per the federal mandate and the usage of the Public Works First Responder symbol, as adopted by the APWA, for use by the City's Public Works Department.

Section 3. Authorization. The City Administrator is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the aims of this resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commission of the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, at its regular meeting of the City held on April 17, 2025.

**FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION
CITY COMMISSION OF KEY COLONY BEACH**

Mayor Freddie Foster	NO _____	YES _____	
Vice Mayor Joey Raspe	NO _____	YES _____	
Commissioner Tom Harding	NO _____	YES _____	
Commissioner Tom DiFrancisco	NO _____	YES _____	*absent
Commissioner Doug Colonell	NO _____	YES _____	


Freddie Foster, Mayor

ATTEST:


Silvia Roussin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


Dirk Smits, City Attorney

PUBLIC WORKS



The image consists of three horizontal bands. The top band is black and contains the text 'PUBLIC WORKS' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The middle band is a solid orange color. The bottom band is black and contains the text 'FIRST RESPONDER' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

FIRST RESPONDER