

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-09-110**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A ONE YEAR RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL STATE LOBBYING SERVICES BETWEEN GRAYROBINSON, P.A. AND ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS; AUTHORIZING VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Islamorada, Village of Islands (the "Village") has engaged the services of a professional state lobbying firm since April 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2023, the Village Council adopted Resolution No. 22-09-98, approving an agreement with GrayRobinson, P.A. for professional state lobbying services (the "Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, state lobbying efforts during the 2024 Florida Legislative Session will be essential to the Village and the Florida Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, GrayRobinson's government relations and lobbying practice is the largest such practice of any law firm in Florida and one of the largest groups of legislative and executive branch lobbyists in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, GrayRobinson engages a full staff of professional lobbyists with experience and expertise to achieve results for the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, GrayRobinson desires to continue to provide the same scope of lobbying services to the Village as under the current agreement with GrayRobinson, specifically, consulting and representing the Village's interests before the Florida Legislature and any executive branch, body and other agencies and governmental entities (the "Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the current agreement with GrayRobinson runs through September 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village and GrayRobinson desire to renew the Agreement for an additional one (1) year, commencing on October 1, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$108,000.00 annually (the "Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-328(1) of the Village Code provides that competitive bidding requirements may be waived by the Village Council upon a finding that the purchase of the goods or services without competitive bidding is in the best interests of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council finds that a one (1) year renewal of the Agreement with GrayRobinson, attached as Exhibit 1, and a waiver of competitive bidding for the Services to be provided is in the best interest of the Village.

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

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

**Section 2. Approval of Agreement Renewal.** The Village Council hereby approves a one (1) year renewal of the Agreement for Professional State Lobbying Services, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1.

**Section 3. Authorization of Village Officials.** The Village Manager and/or his/her designee and the Village Attorney are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

**Section 4. Authorization of Fund Expenditure.** Notwithstanding the limitations imposed upon the Village Manager pursuant to the Village's Purchasing Procedures Ordinance, the Village Manager is authorized to expend budgeted funds to implement the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

**Section 5.**    **Waiver of Competitive Bidding.**    In accordance with Section 2-328(1) of the Village Code, the Village Council waives the competitive bidding purchasing provision of the Village Code.

**Section 6.**    **Effective Date.**    This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of September, 2023.**

Motion to adopt by Mark Gregg. Seconded by Elizabeth Jolin.

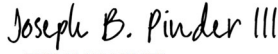
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**FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION**


**VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS**

Mayor Joseph B. Pinder III	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Sharon Mahoney	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Mark Gregg	<u>Yes</u>
Councilwoman Elizabeth Jolin	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Henry Rosenthal	<u>Yes</u>

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.**

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 JOSEPH B. PINDER III, MAYOR

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

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 JOHN J. QUICK, VILLAGE ATTORNEY

