

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING AN INTENT TO ADHERE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO THE GOALS OF THE ORIGINAL PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT; TO FACILITATE OPEN COMMUNICATIONS AND SHARING OF INFORMATION WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, STATES AND NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE GOALS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT; SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF POLITICAL, SOCIAL, BUSINESS AND EDUCATION LEADERS WHO HAVE STATED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT DESPITE THE OFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SUBMIT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP, U.S. SENATORS MARCO RUBIO AND BILL NELSON, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CARLOS CURBELO, FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOLLY MERRILL RASCHEIN, FLORIDA STATE SENATOR ANITERE FLORES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND THE UNITED NATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Key West recognizes the need for an effective and progressive response to the urgent threat of climate change based on the best available scientific knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Commission also recognizes that Parties may be affected not only by climate change, but also by the impacts of the measures taken in response to it; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission agrees with the original Paris Agreement's emphasis on the intrinsic relationship that climate change actions, responses and impacts have with equitable access to sustainable development and eradication of poverty; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the fundamental priority of safeguarding food security and ending hunger, and the vulnerability of food production systems to the adverse impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission takes into account the imperatives of a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with locally and nationally defined development priorities; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges that climate change is a common concern of humankind, and that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including oceans,

and the protection of biodiversity, and noting the importance for some of the concept of "climate justice", when taking action to address climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission affirms the importance of education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and cooperation at all levels on the matters addressed in the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the importance of engagement by all levels of government in addressing climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission also recognizes that sustainable lifestyles and sustainable patterns of consumption and production play an important role in addressing climate change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City of Key West intends to adhere as closely as possible to the goals of the original Paris Climate Agreement, including the following:

1. Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;

2. Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production; and

3. Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.

Section 2: That the City of Key West welcomes and intends to facilitate open communications and the sharing of climate information, good practices, experiences and lessons learned, as these relate to science, planning, policies and implementation in relation to adaptation actions, with other

towns, municipalities, counties, states, and nations participating in the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Section 3: That the City of Key West will support the efforts of numerous political, social, business, and education leaders who have stated their intention to continue their participation in the Paris Agreement despite the official withdrawal of the United States Government, and will also support the process initiated by Michael Bloomberg with the United Nations which would make it possible for cities, states, and other groups to become signatories to the original U.N. agreement, which has been signed by more than 190 countries.

Section 4: That the City Clerk is directed to submit copies of this Resolution to: President Donald J. Trump, U.S. Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson, U.S., U.S. Representative Carolos Curbelo, Florida State Representative Holly Merrill Raschein, Florida State Senator Anitere Flores, The Florida League of Cities, the United States Conference of Mayors, and the United Nations.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Filed with the Clerk on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Mayor Craig Cates \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Sam Kaufman \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Richard Payne \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Margaret Romero \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Billy Wardlow \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Jimmy Weekley \_\_\_\_\_

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CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK