

RESOLUTION NO. 23-323

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING IN CONCEPT AN INTERNATIONAL FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY; CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS TO CREATE A GLOBAL COMMISSION ON FOSSIL FUELS TO GATHER INFORMATION AND TO INFORM A GLOBAL, EQUITABLE PHASE OUT OF FOSSIL FUELS TOWARD A HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE PLANET AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that fossil fuels are the largest contributor to global climate change, accounting for as much as 75 percent of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds there is an urgent need to end expansion of new fossil fuel production, and a national and international imperative to agree on an equitable phase out of existing fossil fuel production and transition to alternative "clean" energy sources, in line with the Paris Agreement's goal of keeping the global average temperature to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial levels to prevent worsening and potentially irreversible effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted landmark legislation, Resolution 48/13, recognizing that a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is a human right; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the need for a mechanism for international cooperation on fossil fuel production, such as a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to further progress toward addressing climate change and ecological crises; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that a global commission on fossil fuels should be established to gather and share evidence-based information on the impacts of fossil fuels, and inform a global equitable phase out of fossil fuels to support a healthy, sustainable and inclusive planet; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health, welfare and safety of residents and of the environment of the City of Key West, the City Commission finds that it is reasonable to support development and adoption of a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty, and establishment of a Global Commission on Fossil Fuels; and

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

Section 1: That the City Commission supports in concept an International Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and urges the United States and the United Nations to further progress towards development and execution of such a treaty.

Section 2: That the City Commission hereby calls on the United States and the international community to create a Global Commission on Fossil Fuels, to inform a global, equitable phase out of fossil fuels toward a healthy, sustainable and inclusive planet.

Section 3: 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 14th day of December, 2023.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on 14th day of December, 2023.

Filed with the Clerk on December 14, 2023.

Mayor Teri Johnston	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lissette Carey	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	<u>Yes</u>

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TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK