

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABILITY
COORDINATOR TO WORK WITH CITY STAFF TO
RECOMMEND PACE AND GREEN BUSINESS
CERTIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE**

WHEREAS, the City Commission mandated a 15% reduction in greenhouse gasses by the end of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Key West Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory showed that the Commercial sector was the highest source of emissions at 38.9%, and that 91.6% of commercial emissions are from electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan calls for a Commercial Challenge, to reduce energy use by 12% in 600 businesses, citing actions to assist Green Business Certification programs and loan funds for weatherization, among others; and

WHEREAS, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is a high leverage tool to reach the community greenhouse gas reduction goals and to provide commercial property owners with access to capital necessary for energy efficiency and wind resistance improvements; and

WHEREAS, promoting Green Business Certifications is a high leverage action to reach the City Commission's community

greenhouse gas reduction goals and allow local businesses to reduce operating costs, stand out amongst the competition and enhance public perception of the City; and

WHEREAS, both PACE and Green Business Certifications increase green jobs and help diversify our economy; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Coordinator has done ample research into prioritizing Climate Action Plan commercial actions and recommends moving forward on Green Business Certifications and PACE programs as a first priority for reducing emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Advisory Board has authorized the Sustainability Coordinator to work with staff to recommend PACE and Green Business Certification programs to the City Commission;

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

Section 1: That the Sustainability Coordinator is hereby authorized to work with staff to recommend PACE and Green Business Certification to the City Commission.

Section 2: 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 _____, 2012.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2012.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2012.

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK