

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA; SUPPORTING
THE EFFORTS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT
AUTHORITY TO SITUATE A REVERSE OSMOSIS
PLANT IN OR NEAR MARATHON, FLORIDA IN THE
MIDDLE KEYS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE**

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that cooperation among local governments and the Aqueduct Authority is critical for providing essential water services in the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the Florida Keys is served by a 130-mile-long transmission line that brings water from Florida City to Key West that is maintained by the Aqueduct Authority; and

WHEREAS, a new reverse osmosis plant is set to come online in Stock Island in close proximity to Key West that will benefit the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, the Aqueduct Authority is beginning the process of replacing a near fifty year old transmission line, but it is an expensive and years-long endeavor; and

WHEREAS, during the lengthy replacement process the transmission line is sure to suffer leaks; and

WHEREAS, situating a second reverse osmosis plant in or near Marathon, Florida would allow the Aqueduct Authority to generate more water locally, which is especially useful during leaks in the transmission line; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is aware of the Aqueduct Authority's attempts to secure state and federal funding for their necessary water projects to supplement a local share; and

WHEREAS the siting of additional reverse osmosis plants in the Florida Keys will enhance the health, welfare and safety of residents of the City of Key West and the entire Monroe County;

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 the siting of a reverse osmosis plant in or near Marathon in the Middle Keys.

Section 2: That the City Commission respectfully urges the Florida Legislature and the Governor support the Aqueduct Authority's worthwhile requests for water projects in the Florida Keys

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 _____ day of _____, 2023.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____ day of _____, 2023.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2023.

Mayor Teri Johnston	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK