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
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Commissioner Clayton Lopez
Commissioner Billy Wardlow
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK