

Sponsored by: Mayor Gonzalez

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 2023-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MARATHON, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S  
SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS  
AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY TO SITUATE A REVERSE  
OSMOSIS PLANT IN OR NEAR MARATHON, FLORIDA;  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (the "Authority") was created by special legislation, chapter 76-441, Laws of Florida, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Marathon (the "City") is provided with water service by the Authority; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**; a new reverse osmosis plant is set to come online in Stock Island that will benefit Monroe County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is beginning the process of replacing the 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 occasional leaks; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is aware of the 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 or safety of residents of the city of Marathon and all of Monroe County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** That the City Council supports the siting of a reverse osmosis plant in or near Marathon.

**Section 3.** That the City Council respectfully urges the Florida Legislature and the Governor support the Aqueduct Authority's worthwhile requests for water projects in the Florida Keys

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023**

**THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA**

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**Mayor Luis Gonzalez**

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

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**Diane Clavier, City Clerk**  
**(City Seal)**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON ONLY:**

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Steve Williams, City Attorney

