

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 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023


THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Mayor Luis Gonzalez

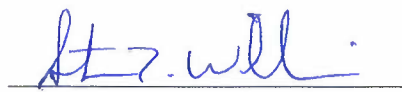
AYES: Landry, Smith, Still, Gonzalez
NOES: None
ABSENT: Matlock
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Diane Clavier, City Clerk
(City Seal)

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



Steve Williams, City Attorney