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**AFFIRMING THE CITY'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE GOALS OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT AND ENDORSING THE FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.**

WHEREAS, there is clear scientific consensus that human activities are the primary factor responsible for accelerating global climate change, and the climate crisis now represents one of the preeminent threats to global civilization; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reported in 2018 that we must achieve net zero in greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions by the middle of this century in order to have a reasonable chance of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change are being felt in the City and County of Honolulu ("City"), including beach erosion due to sea level rise, more frequent and intense storms, higher average temperatures, decreased trade winds, coral bleaching, and increased frequency of both drought and flooding; and

WHEREAS, in addition to contributing to climate change, burning fossil fuels generates localized air pollution that increases the risk of death from stroke, heart disease, lung cancer, and respiratory illness among those who are exposed; and

WHEREAS, while the entire community is negatively impacted by the continued use of fossil fuels, those who face socioeconomic and health challenges are disproportionately affected, including low-income families, those experiencing homelessness, people of color and indigenous people, youth, seniors, those experiencing mental and physical disabilities, and people with adverse health conditions; and

WHEREAS, children, youth, and future generations have the most to lose from a lack of immediate action to stop fossil fuel expansion, as they will face major lifelong negative health, ecological, social, and economic impacts from prolonged and cumulative effects of climate change, including food and water shortages, an increased spread of infectious diseases, and the proliferation of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the supply and production of fossil fuels (the largest source of GHG emissions), the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement ("Paris Agreement") is strangely silent on coal, oil, and gas, an omission that needs to be collectively addressed by other means; and



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WHEREAS, the Glasgow Climate Pact provided for incremental improvements, only calling for a phase down of coal, rather than a phase out; and

WHEREAS, global governments and the fossil fuel industry are currently planning to produce about 120 percent more emissions by 2030 than what is required to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and avert catastrophic climate disruptions, and such plans risk undermining the work of the City and the State of Hawai'i ("State") to reduce GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, the fossil fuel industry is currently claiming over 50 percent of COVID recovery funding from senior levels of government in the G20, thereby siphoning away recovery funding badly needed by local governments and other industries; and

WHEREAS, the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels expose communities to untenable risks to public health and safety at both the local and global levels; and

WHEREAS, Act 32, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, committed the State to reducing its GHG emissions in accordance with the Paris Agreement, and the Mayors of all Hawai'i counties supported the Act and pledged local action to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") approved Resolution 21-105, CD1, which adopted the 2020-2025 Climate Action Plan for the City, which was a requirement for the City to continue to be a part of the subnational effort to meet the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to a just energy transition and ambitious investments in green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs and help decarbonize our economy; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the urgent responsibility and moral obligation of wealthy fossil fuel producers to put an end to fossil fuel development and to manage the decline of existing production; and

WHEREAS, a new global initiative is underway calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that would end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the commitment to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and accelerate equitable energy transition plans; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it affirms the City's ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and the greenhouse gas reduction targets as called for by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and pledges to meet its proportionate greenhouse gas reductions under the Paris Climate Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Managing Director; the Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; the Governor; the Mayors of the Counties of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, and Maui; Alex Rafalowicz, Director, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative; Tzeporah Berman, Chair, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative; and Anne Pernick, SAFE Cities and Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Community Manager, Stand.

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Honolulu, Hawai'i

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