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26 putting an end to fossil fuel development and to foster the decline of existing  
27 production; and

28 **WHEREAS**, on August 8, 2019, the City Council unanimously approved a  
29 resolution declaring a climate emergency and called for an immediate emergency  
30 mobilization to restore a safe climate; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted the Austin Climate Equity Plan,  
32 which includes the bold goal of equitably reaching net-zero community-wide  
33 greenhouse gas emissions and achieving 100 percent of electricity power supply  
34 through clean, renewable, and zero carbon emission energy sources by 2040; and

35 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, the Paris Climate Agreement focused on climate  
36 mitigation and adaptation but did not necessarily address the ongoing use of coal,  
37 oil, and gas, which are the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions; and

38 **WHEREAS**, if not addressed, the fossil fuel industry will produce about  
39 120 percent more emissions by 2030 than what is needed to limit global warming  
40 to 1.5 degrees Celsius and avert catastrophic climate disruption, and such plans  
41 risk undoing the work of local communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;  
42 and

43 **WHEREAS**, the fossil fuel industry continues to construct new fossil fuel  
44 infrastructure, including plans for more than twenty major facilities along the Gulf  
45 Coast, which would deepen our reliance on fossil fuels and expose communities to  
46 untenable risks to public health and safety at the local and global levels; and

47 **WHEREAS**, the fossil fuel industry is making large investments in plastic  
48 production to utilize more oil and gas, and large consumers, such as cities, can play  
49 an important role in reducing demand for plastics, which is reflected in the Austin

Climate Equity Plan strategy to “Strengthen the City of Austin’s Sustainable Procurement Program to serve as a model for others locally and nationally”; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic opportunities presented by a clean energy transition far outweigh the opportunities presented by an economy supported by expanding fossil fuel use and extraction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin government recognizes the importance of measures taken to decarbonize the local economy and uplift frontline communities as important long term solutions; and

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

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City of Austin hereby endorses the call for a global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and requests the federal government develop and enact a federal Climate Emergency Plan and Declaration of a national climate emergency to create millions of jobs transitioning to a 100 percent clean energy economy, phase out fossil fuel production, and invest in communities on the frontlines of environmental injustice.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City of Austin urges the United States Federal Government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty by submitting a copy of

73 this Resolution to the Austin Congressional Delegation, and request that all  
74 relevant support and assistance in effectuating this resolution be provided.  
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77 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

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79 City Clerk  
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