RESOLUTION NO. 09-021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE "SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD"; PROVIDING FOR ITS COMPOSITION, STAFFING AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Key West recognizes that local government plays a vital role in fostering sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City has a longstanding commitment to adopting implementing, and maintaining sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Morgan McPherson is a signatory of the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and an active member of the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign;

WHEREAS, the City has committed to reducing greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions; and

WHEREAS, citizens are essential partners in reducing emissions and increasing the sustainability of the entire community;

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that City of Key West citizens, business owners, institutions and organizations are also committed to identifying, implementing and supporting sustainable practices in their community;

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to establish an advisory committee that will study sustainability issues and make recommendations to the City Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE

CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:

A. Definition. "Sustainability" is defined as meeting the vital human needs of the present without compromising the ability to meet future needs.

B. Creation; Membership; Term. There is hereby created a Sustainability Advisory Board of the City of Key West consisting of seven regular members appointed for three-year terms, plus two members less than 18 years old at the time of appointment who shall be appointed for one-year terms, which may be renewed for one additional year. The two members under the age of eighteen shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice of local education leaders; The remaining seven positions on the Board shall be filled by one appointment by each member of the City Commission.

C. Qualifications. No less than a majority of the members of the Sustainability Advisory Board shall be residents of the City of Key West. Any members not residing in the City shall own a business located within the City, be employed full-time within the City or attend school full-time in the City. Appointments will endeavor to include representatives of diverse neighborhoods, local businesses, educational institutions, social service providers, and professionals in sustainability-related professions, such energy, transportation and development.

D. Mission and Duties. The mission of the Sustainability Advisory Board shall be to promote the sustainability of the

community as a whole, considering public and private actors and their effects on ecological, economic, and community systems. The Sustainability Advisory Board shall:

1. Advise and assist the City Commission in efforts to make City operations more sustainable.
2. Assist in the development of plans and policies to enhance the sustainability of the City as a whole.
3. Educate and support other Key West organizations to become more sustainable.
4. Educate and engage the public in efforts to make the community of Key West, including residents, businesses, and institutions, more sustainable.

Section 3: The Committee shall operate in accordance with the Florida Sunshine Law and the Florida Public Records Law. The Committee shall appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson, and establish a schedule of its public meetings. The City Manager shall provide staff support to the Committee. The Committee shall issue a written report to the City Commission at least once per year.

Section 4: 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 21 day of January, 2009.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on January 22, 2009.

Filed with the Clerk January 22, 2009.

MORGAN MCPHERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK