

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-**

**A RESOLUTION** supporting the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and committing the City of Yakima to take a SAFE Cities climate change stand

**WHEREAS**, community members can be impacted by the health and safety risks of fossil fuel expansion, and particularly those who also face socioeconomic and health inequities, including youth, elders, Indigenous people, people of color, low-income people, those experiencing mental and physical disabilities, those experiencing homelessness, and people with health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes communities to risks to the public's health and safety at the local and global levels; 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**, our community is committed to a just energy transition and to appropriate investments that offset the impacts of evolving industries and employment as well as investments in the green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs, decarbonize our economy, and reduce future climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yakima declares that a climate and ecological emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yakima opposes the rollback of climate policy at any level of government, commits to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement as appropriate, and strives to reduce greenhouse gases where feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty seeks to end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5° C, and accelerate equitable transition plans for workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council will strive to address climate change issues through its future policies and legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Yakima finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to work to address climate change and support the global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty; now, therefore

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:**

1. The City of Yakima is committed to climate action and protecting public health and safety from the risks of fossil fuels.

2. The City of Yakima supports the call for a global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that will end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and accelerate equitable transition plans.
3. The City of Yakima urges other governmental entities to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.
4. The City of Yakima will strive to implement policies limiting or preventing fossil fuel expansion and promoting electrification as championed by the SAFE Cities movement, and take into account climate change and SAFE policies when enacting legislation where appropriate.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Patricia Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk