



CAPTIVA EROSION PREVENTION DISTRICT

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Resolution Opposing Oil and Gas Exploration in Florida Coastal Waters

WHEREAS, the Captiva Erosion Prevention District ("District") is a beach and shore preservation district whose purpose is to develop and execute plans for the preservation of Captiva Island beaches and shores; and

WHEREAS, in the conduct of its duties the District has planned for and carried out the renourishment of the Captiva Island beaches, including the maintenance of the beaches, through a series of projects over the last several decades; and

WHEREAS, in the proper conduct of its duties, the District must and does work cooperatively with various government entities, including the City of Sanibel, Lee County, the state of Florida and the United States among others, and enters into interlocal agreements to further the public purpose of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to the continued cooperation with these government entities as well as certain civic groups concerned with the preservation of Captiva Island; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the District, hereby proclaims their opposition to House Bill 1219 (oil and gas exploration).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Commissioners of the District hereby proclaims their opposition to House Bill 1219.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District this 28th day of April, 2009 by a vote of 4 -0; the motion was made by Commissioner Holzheimer, seconded by Commissioner Kaiser, and upon being put to vote , the vote was as follows:

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| Michael C. Mullins | <u>Aye</u> |
| Dave Jensen | <u>Aye</u> |
| Doris Holzheimer | <u>Aye</u> |
| Henry A. Kaiser | <u>Aye</u> |

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CAPTIVA EROSION PREVENTION DISTRICT**


Michael C. Mullins, Chairman

ATTEST BY:


Henry A. Kaiser, Secretary

TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH

RESOLUTION 2008-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING THE APPROVAL OF OFF SHORE OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND OIL EXPLORATION

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban on off shore oil drilling, which has been in effect since 1981, was put in place to reduce the chances of environmental damage from oil spills and to protect the tourism industry.

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban states that no funds may be expended by the Department of the Interior for the conduct of offshore preleasing, leasing and related activities placed under restriction in the President's moratorium statement of June 12, 1998, in the areas of northern, central, and southern California; the North Atlantic; Washington and Oregon; and the eastern Gulf of Mexico south of 26 degrees N latitude and east of 86 degrees W longitude".

WHEREAS, the US Energy Department's forecasting arm has said opening the Pacific, Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico regions to drilling would not have a significant impact on domestic crude oil ~~and natural gas~~ prices before the year 2030.

WHEREAS tourism accounts for one third of our budget revenues statewide and 96% of those visitors cite the beaches as an influential factor in their decision to visit Florida.

WHEREAS resort tax collection statewide exceeded 25 million dollars in FY 2007 and almost 86 thousand Floridians are employed in businesses that directly or indirectly support tourism.

WHEREAS, the area with the potential for the greatest risk of environmental damage is the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, off the western coast of Florida.

WHEREAS, environmental specialists contend the major risk from drilling platforms is the wastewater they routinely discharge which contain drilling fluids and heavy metals including mercury.

WHEREAS, According to Oil Industry data, an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico can dump up to 90,000 tons of drilling fluid and metal cuttings over its lifetime. These contaminants accumulate in the marine food web and might contaminate local beaches and have a negative effect on the environment and the tourism industry.

WHEREAS, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or during storm situations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Beach, Florida that we ~~highly~~ encourage all elected officials at the County, State and Federal levels to oppose legislative attempts to allow off shore oil drilling expansion past the areas already

TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH

RESOLUTION 2008-32

approved for pre-leasing, leasing and oil production activities and to take immediate steps to encourage and assist in the development of alternate sources of energy.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 2nd DAY OF September 2008.

ATTEST:

Janina Patrus, Town Clerk RMC

Nick Simons, Mayor

| | Motion | Seconded | Aye | Nay | Absent |
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| Commissioner Fox | | | | | |
| Commissioner Drillick | | | | | |
| Commissioner Steiermann | | | | | |
| Vice Mayor Deighton | | | | | |
| Mayor Simons | | | | | |

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-65**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF OFF SHORE OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND OIL EXPLORATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban of offshore oil drilling, which has been in effect since 1981, was put in place to reduce the chances of environmental damage from oil spills and to protect the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban states that no funds may be expended by the Department of the Interior for the conduct of offshore preleasing, leasing and related activities placed under restriction in the President's moratorium statement of June 12, 1998, in the areas of northern, central, and southern California; the North Atlantic; Washington and Oregon; and the eastern Gulf of Mexico, south of 26 degrees N latitude and east of 86 degrees W longitude; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Energy Department's forecasting arm has said opening of the Pacific, Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico regions to drilling would not have significant impact on domestic crude oil prices before the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, tourism accounts for one-third of our budget revenues statewide and 96% of those visitors cite the beaches as an influential factor in their decision to visit Florida; and

WHEREAS, tourist tax collection statewide exceeded \$513,385,000.00 in FY2007 and more than 91,000 Floridians are employed in businesses that directly or indirectly support tourism; and

WHEREAS, the area with the potential for the greatest risk of environmental damage is the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, off the western coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, environmental specialists contend the major risk from drilling platforms is the wastewater they routinely discharge which contain drilling fluids and heavy metals including mercury; and

WHEREAS, according to oil industry data, an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico can dump up to 90,000 tons of drilling fluid and metal cuttings over its lifetime.

These contaminants accumulate in the marine food web and could reasonably be expected to contaminate local beaches and have a negative effect on the environment and tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the difference in the risk of impact from drilling for oil as opposed to natural gas; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or during storm situations.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA:


Section 1. That before any expansion past the areas already approved for leasing and oil production activities is considered, the existing leases must be exercised and utilized where found to be productive.

Section 2. That the City of Indian Rocks Beach believes that immediate steps to encourage and assist in the development of alternative sources of energy should also be implemented before any expansion of oil drilling rights in the Gulf of Mexico is granted.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2008, by the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida.


R.B. Johnson, Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST: 
Deanne Bulino O'Reilly, MMC, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 08-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER CONCERNING THE
EXPANSION OF OFF SHORE OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IN
AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND OIL
EXPLORATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban of offshore oil drilling, which has been in effect since 1981, was put in place to reduce the chances of environmental damage from oil spills and to protect the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban states that no funds may be expended by the Department of the Interior for the conduct of offshore preleasing, leasing and related activities placed under restriction in the President's moratorium statement of June 12, 1998, in the areas of northern, central, and southern California; the North Atlantic; Washington and Oregon; and the eastern Gulf of Mexico, south of 26 degrees N latitude and east of 86 degrees W longitude; and

WHEREAS, the US Energy Department's forecasting arm has said opening of the Pacific, Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico regions to drilling would not have significant impact on domestic crude oil prices before the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, tourism accounts for one-third of our budget revenues statewide and 96% of those visitors cite the beaches as an influential factor in their decision to visit Florida; and

WHEREAS, tourist tax collection statewide exceeded \$513,385,000.00 in FY 2007 and more than 91,000 Floridians are employed in businesses that directly or indirectly support tourism; and

WHEREAS, the area with the potential for the greatest risk of environmental damage is the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, off the western coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, environmental specialists contend the major risk from drilling platforms is the wastewater they routinely discharge which contain drilling fluids and heavy metals including mercury; and

WHEREAS, according to oil industry data, an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico can dump up to 90,000 tons of drilling fluid and metal cuttings over its lifetime. These contaminants accumulate in the marine food web and could reasonably be expected to contaminate local beaches and have a negative effect on the environment and tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the difference in the risk of impact from drilling for oil as opposed to natural gas; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or during storm situations; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That before any expansion past the areas already approved for leasing and oil production activities is considered, the existing leases must be exercised and utilized where found to be productive.

Section 2. That the City of Clearwater believes that immediate steps to encourage and assist in the development of alternative sources of energy should also be implemented before any expansion of oil drilling rights in the Gulf of Mexico is granted.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of September, 2008.

**Frank V. Hibbard
Mayor**

Attest:

**Cynthia E. Goudeau
City Clerk**

RESOLUTION NO. 11-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE APPROVAL OF OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND OIL EXPLORATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban on offshore oil drilling, which has been in effect since 1981, was put in place to reduce the chances of environmental damage from oil spills and to protect the tourist industry; and

WHEREAS, long-term protection for the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, which is east of the military mission line, was recognized in a 2006 moratorium prohibiting oil and natural gas leasing or drilling within 235 miles of Pinellas County's coast; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban recognizes this military mission training zone is not only critical to the protection of our state's beaches and unique environment but to the training of our nation's soldiers, sailors, marines and pilots who exercise there on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, tourism accounts for one third of our budget revenues statewide and 96% of those visitors cite the beaches as an influential factor in their decision to visit Florida; and

WHEREAS, resort tax collection statewide exceeded 25 million dollars in FY 2007 and almost 86 thousand Floridians are employed in businesses that directly or indirectly support tourism; and

WHEREAS, the area with the potential for the greatest risk of environmental damage is the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, off the western coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, environmental specialists contend the major risk from drilling platforms is the wastewater they routinely discharge which contain drilling fluids and heavy metals including mercury; and

WHEREAS, according to oil industry data, an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico can dump up to 90,000 tons of drilling fluid and metal cuttings over its lifetime. These contaminants accumulate in the marine food web and might contaminate local beaches and have a negative effect on the environment and the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or during storm situations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES, FLORIDA that we encourage all elected officials at the County, State and Federal levels to oppose legislative attempts to allow offshore oil drilling expansion past the areas already

approved for pre-leasing, leasing and oil production activities and to take immediate steps to encourage and assist in the development of alternate sources of energy.

The foregoing Resolution was offered during Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida, on the 8th day of October, 2008, by Vice Mayor Adams, who moved its adoption, and said motion was seconded by Commissioner Holthaus; and upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 1

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

RESOLUTION 11-2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES OPPOSING THE APPROVAL OF OFF SHORE OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND OIL EXPLORATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or during storm situations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Indian Shores that we encourage all elected officials at the County, State and Federal levels to oppose legislative attempts to allow off shore oil drilling expansion past the areas already approved for pre-leasing, leasing and oil production activities and to take immediate steps to encourage and assist in the development of alternate sources of energy.

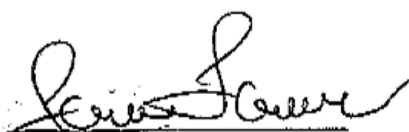
The above and foregoing Resolution, upon Motion by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Sutch was duly approved and adopted at a regular Council meeting held on the 3rd day of September, 2008.

Voting in favor of the Resolution: Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Herndon, Councilor Smith, Councilor Sutch and Councilor Irelan.

Voting in opposition to the Resolution: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None


JAMES J. LAWRENCE
President

ATTEST:


MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

Resolution of the Lee County Commission
in opposition to the expansion of offshore drilling.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Lee County voice their opposition to any new oil and gas leases in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the coast of the United States and particularly State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is strongly supportive of maintaining the current offshore drilling moratorium to protect our marine ecosystems and supports making the Congressional leasing moratorium permanent; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is committed to protecting the ocean environment by keeping it free from potentially harmful offshore oil rigs, especially in light of the recent damaging hurricanes that have swept through the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is dedicated to preserving the beauty of our coastal treasures by keeping beaches free of unsightly oil rigs;

WHEREAS, the Commission is opposed to any efforts that result in a weakening of states' rights to protect their coastlines and offer federal funds for new oil and gas leases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Lee County Commission, are opposed to any new oil and gas leases in the OCS and support a permanent moratorium on offshore drilling.

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| JOHN ALBION | <u>Aye</u> |
| RAY JUDAH | <u>Aye</u> |
| ROBERT JANES | <u>Aye</u> |
| DOUGLAS ST. CERNY | <u>Aye</u> |
| TAMMY HALL | <u>Aye</u> |

DONE AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD this 1st day of November, 2005.

ATTEST:
CHARLIE GREEN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

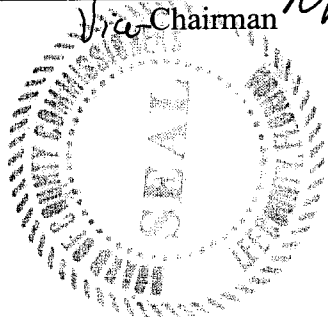
By: *Gisa Pierce*
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *[Signature]*
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM
LEE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By: *Andrew R. Fisher*
County Attorney



RESOLUTION

OPPOSITION TO THE EXPANSION OF OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

WHEREAS, The Tourist Development Council voices its opposition to any new oil and gas leases in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the coast of the United States and particularly the State of Florida; and,

Whereas, Council is strongly supportive of maintaining the current offshore drilling moratorium to protect our marine ecosystems and supports making the Congressional leasing moratorium permanent; and

Whereas, Council is committed to protecting the ocean environment by keeping it free from potentially harmful offshore oil rigs, especially in light of the recent damaging hurricanes that have swept through the Gulf of Mexico; and,

Whereas, Council is dedicated to preserving the beauty of our coastal treasures by keeping beaches free of unsightly oil rigs; and

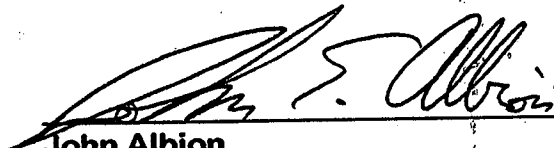
Whereas, Council is opposed to any efforts that result in a weakening of the State's rights to protect its coastlines and offer federal funds for new oil and gas leases.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEE
COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; THAT:**

The Tourist Development Council is opposed to any new oil and gas leases in the OCS and support a permanent moratorium on offshore drilling.

Adopted by the Tourist Development Council of Lee County, this
fifteenth day of November 2005.

Lee County Tourist Development Council



John Albion

Lee County Board of County Commissioner and
Tourist Development Council

LEE COUNTY
Tourist
Development
Council

RESOLUTION 2009- 117

A RESOLUTION OF THE COLLIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO WITHIN TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY COASTLINE AND OPPOSITION SPECIFICALLY TO PASSAGE OF FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL 1219 (HB 1219) THAT WOULD ALLOW NEAR-SHORE OIL DRILLING THREE (3) MILES OFF THE FLORIDA COAST AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, Florida's economy depends on its multi-billion dollar tourism industry, which resulted in more than 82 million visitors coming to Florida in 2008, during which period tourism generated over \$4.0 billion in taxable sales; and,

WHEREAS, Tax revenues from tourism during 2008 exceeded \$1.2 billion and over 31,300 people were directly employed, receiving nearly \$900 million in tourism wages, as a result of the State's tourism industry; and,

WHEREAS, the Collier County local hotel tax alone exceeded \$14.5 million dollars during fiscal year 2008; and,

WHEREAS, oil and natural gas drilling in waters off the coast of Florida will increase the risk of oil pollution on Florida Beaches; and,

WHEREAS, the risk to Florida's economy posed by oil and natural gas drilling off of Florida's coasts is substantial and even a small oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico off of Collier County could be devastating to our most important visitor amenities; and,

WHEREAS, tax revenues generated from Florida's growing tourism industry are critical to continued funding of essential governmental services, including transportation, schools, and public safety; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1219, if passed by the State Legislature, would allow for near-shore gas and oil drilling on submerged stated lands underlying the territorial waters off the State within three (3) miles off the Florida coast; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1219, if passed by the State Legislature, and signed and implemented by the Governor, would permit the installation of oil rigs, pipelines, and drilling near the beaches and in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico and other areas of the Florida coastline; and,

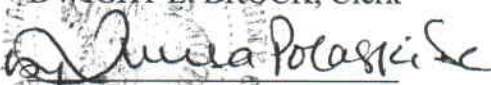
WHEREAS, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners voted that it is its position that better solutions would be generated if the Collier County Legislative Delegation members would consult first with their local County Commission prior to representing Collier County interests on issues of community importance such as offshore drilling; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor and Cabinet prior to making final determination on offshore drilling action and activity would be best serving the citizens of the State of Florida by putting the issue in a statewide referendum.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County opposes offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico within twenty-five (25) miles of the Collier County coastline and opposes specifically the passage of HB 1219 during the 2009 Legislative Session which allows drilling three (3) miles off the coast.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Jeff Atwater, Speaker of the House, Larry Cretul, the Collier County Legislative Delegation, and the Florida Association of Counties, as evidence of the County's opposition of offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico within 25 miles of the Collier County Coastline and to HB 1219.


THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2009 after a motion, second and majority vote favoring same.

ATTEST
DWIGHT E. BROCK, Clerk

Attest as to Chairman's signature on 11/28/09

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
DONNA FIALA, Chairman


Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:


Scott R. Teach,
Deputy County Attorney

State of FLORIDA
County of COLLIER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT this is a true and correct copy of a document on file in Board Minutes and Records of Collier County
WITNESS my hand and official seal this 28th day of April 2009

DWIGHT E. BROCK, CLERK OF COURTS

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RESOLUTION NO. 09-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE APPROVAL OF OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND OIL EXPLORATION.

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban on off shore oil drilling, which has been in effect since 1981, was put in place to reduce the chances of environmental damage from oil spills and to protect the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban states that no funds may be expended by the Department of the Interior for the conduct of offshore pre-leasing, leasing and related activities placed under restriction in the President's moratorium statement of June 12, 1998, in the areas of northern, central, and southern California; the North Atlantic; Washington and Oregon; and the eastern Gulf of Mexico south of 26 degrees N latitude and east of 86 degrees W longitude; and

WHEREAS, the US Energy Department's forecasting arm has said opening the Pacific, Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico regions to drilling would not have a significant impact on domestic crude oil prices before the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, House Bill 1219 was introduced into the Legislature of the State of Florida which would allow drilling for oil and gas to within three (3) miles of Florida's coastline (mean high tide line); and

WHEREAS, tourism accounts for one-third of Florida's budget revenues and 95% of the visitors to Pinellas County's barrier island beaches cite "white sandy beaches" and a "clean, unspoiled environment" as influential factors in their decision to visit; and

WHEREAS, tourism related to Pinellas County's barrier island beaches accounts for annual direct and indirect visitor expenditures of approximately \$7 billion; and

WHEREAS, the area with the potential for the greatest risk of environmental damage is in the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, off the western coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the residents, businesses and visitors of Treasure Island and other barrier island communities have experienced first hand the devastating health, economic, environmental and recreational impacts resulting from a "minor spill" of 362,000 gallons of oil and fuel in Tampa Bay; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or during storm situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE:

That City encourage all elected officials at the County, State and Federal levels to oppose legislative attempts to allow off-shore oil drilling expansion in the eastern Gulf of Mexico past the areas already approved for pre-leasing, leasing and oil production activities and to take immediate steps to encourage and assist in the development of alternate sources of energy.

The foregoing Resolution was offered during regular session of the City Commission of the City of Treasure Island, Florida, sitting on the 4th day of August 2009, by Commissioner Bildz who moved its adoption; was seconded by Commissioner Gayton and upon roll call the vote was:

YEAS: Commissioners Bildz, Collins, Gayton, Coward, Mayor Minning

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR ABSTAINING: None

Robert Minning, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn Foss, City Clerk



**A Resolution
of the
Bay County Chamber of Commerce**

A Resolution of the Bay County Chamber of Commerce opposing any expansion of offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico within or east of the Military Mission Line

WHEREAS, the Bay County Chamber of Commerce is fully cognizant of the fact that due to increasing energy costs, there is a need to seek alternative energy sources and to increase domestic offshore drilling, without endangering our environment or the mission of our military in Northwest Florida;

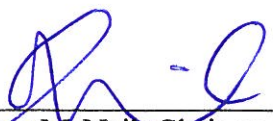
WHEREAS, the preservation and conservation of its natural resources is critical to Northwest Florida's environment and economic future; and

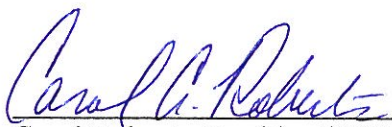
WHEREAS, the activity associated with offshore oil exploration, drilling and construction of pipelines or platforms would severely impact the critical military test and training missions conducted by the Navy, Air Force, Army and Marine Corps which rely on the subsurface, surface and airspace range areas of the Gulf of Mexico;

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Mexico range, referred to by the Department of Defense as a national treasure, is essential to our nation's defense and provides a unique competitive advantage for Northwest Florida installations in securing and retaining important military missions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bay County Chamber of Commerce strongly opposes any amendment to the National Security Energy Act that would allow expansion of any offshore drilling above or below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico within and east of the Military Mission Line as it would severely impact the extensive daily use of this area for diverse missions, including flight test and training, maritime surface, subsurface, research, development, test and evaluation of systems and training of war fighters in direct support of National Defense now and in the future.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Bay County Chamber of Commerce on this 16th day of July, 2009.


Sean McNeil, Chairman of Board
Bay County Chamber of Commerce


Carol Roberts, President/CEO
Bay County Chamber of Commerce

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2698

A RESOLUTION OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED 'PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR FLORIDA ACT
OF 2006'; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida as a peninsular state, has a delicately balanced ecological system of aquatic life, wildlife, coral reefs, wetlands, bays, estuaries and marshes; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and conservation of its natural resources is critical to Florida's environmental and economic future; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling and pipeline construction and installation near any Florida shore may cause significant damage to aquatic life, wildlife, sea grasses, coral reefs, mangroves, beaches and wetlands, and

WHEREAS, Florida's contributions to the U.S. economy include tourism, retirement, recreation, and agricultural products which are not provided by other oil and gas producing states; and

WHEREAS, the potential for an oil or gas spill is significant and the damage therefrom to the beaches, coastal wetlands and salt marshes of the County of Bay and surrounding communities could be catastrophic; and

WHEREAS, routinely there are proposals to allow offshore drilling closer to Florida's coasts which causes the risk of damage to Florida to significantly increase; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling close to Florida's shores could inhibit and impair training exercises and other operations of Florida's many military bases that are crucial to our nation's security; and

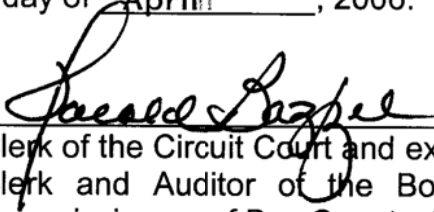
WHEREAS, Senators Martinez and Nelson have proposed legislation known as the 'Permanent Protection for Florida Act of 2006' which will help protect Florida's coasts by legislatively establishing a boundary line for drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Bay County Board of County Commissioners, Florida that the risk of damage from offshore drilling to the County and surrounding communities and the environment is great and the Board of Bay County Board of County Commissioners supports the 'Permanent Protection for Florida Act of 2006' which will help protect Florida's coasts.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida, the 4th day of April, 2006.

I, Harold Bazzel, Clerk of Circuit Court and ex-officio Clerk and Auditor of the Board of County Commissioners do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County in open session regularly scheduled session on the 4th day of April, 2006.




Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex-officio
Clerk and Auditor of the Board of County
Commissioners of Bay County, Florida



Approved to form and content:


County Attorney



RESOLUTION 2009 – 3

A RESOLUTION OF THE DESTIN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN OPPOSITION OF OFFSHORE DRILLING AS IT RELATES TO THE DESTIN DOME AND THE AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY LEADERSHIP ACT OF 2009.

WHEREAS, the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce is a business organization representing nearly 1,000 members in the Destin area; and

WHEREAS, the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce is fully cognizant of the need to explore for new energy sources; and

WHEREAS, the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce understands the need to search for newer, cleaner alternative forms of energy; and

WHEREAS, the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce supports becoming less dependent on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and conservation of its natural resources is critical to Northwest Florida's environment and economic future; and

WHEREAS, the Destin area is largely dependent upon the tourism industry, making our natural resources, our beaches and the Gulf of Mexico vital to our economy; and

WHEREAS, the construction of oil wells within the Destin Dome or within forty miles of our pristine coastline would be detrimental to tourism in our area, and therefore detrimental to our economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Destin Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors opposes any oil well construction and off-shore drilling within forty miles of the Northwest Florida coast, including the Destin Dome.

SO RESOLVED THIS 30th DAY OF JUNE 2009.

Karen McCarthy, Chairman of the Board

Shane A. Moody, CCE, IOM
President and CEO

ATTEST:

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RESOLUTION 2008-2

***A RESOLUTION OF THE BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL
OPPOSING THE APPROVAL OF OFF SHORE OIL DRILLING IN THE GULF OF
MEXICO IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL
LEASING AND OIL EXPLORATION***

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban on off shore oil drilling, which has been in effect since 1981, was put in place to reduce the chances of environmental damage from oil spills and to protect the tourism industry.

WHEREAS, the Congressional ban states that no funds may be expended by the Department of the Interior for the conduct of offshore preleasing, leasing and related activities placed under restriction in the President's moratorium statement of June 12, 1998, in the areas of northern, central, and southern California; the North Atlantic; Washington and Oregon; and the eastern Gulf of Mexico south of 26 degrees N latitude and east of 86 degrees W longitude''.

WHEREAS, the US Energy Department's forecasting arm has said opening the Pacific, Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico regions to drilling would not have a significant impact on domestic crude oil ~~and natural gas~~ prices before the year 2030.

WHEREAS tourism accounts for one third of our budget revenues statewide and 96% of those visitors cite the beaches as an influential factor in their decision to visit Florida.

WHEREAS resort tax collection statewide exceeded 25 million dollars in FY 2007 and almost 86 thousand Floridians are employed in businesses that directly or indirectly support tourism.

WHEREAS, the area with the potential for the greatest risk of environmental damage is the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, off the western coast of Florida.

WHEREAS, environmental specialists contend the major risk from drilling platforms is the wastewater they routinely discharge which contain drilling fluids and heavy metals including mercury.

WHEREAS, According to Oil Industry data, an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico can dump up to 90,000 tons of drilling fluid and metal cuttings over its lifetime. These contaminants accumulate in the marine food web and might contaminate local beaches and have a negative effect on the environment and the tourism industry.

WHEREAS, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or during storm situations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Barrier Islands Governmental Council that we ~~highly~~ encourage all elected officials at the County, State and Federal levels to oppose legislative attempts to allow off shore oil drilling expansion past the areas already approved for pre-leasing, leasing and oil production activities and to take immediate steps to encourage and assist in the development of alternate sources of energy.

The above and foregoing Resolution, upon Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ was duly approved and adopted at a regular Barrier Islands Governmental Council meeting held on the xx day of xxxx, 2008.

Voting in favor of the Resolution:

Voting in opposition to the Resolution:

Absent:

Abstaining:

ATTEST:

JAMES J. LAWRENCE
President

MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION
OF THE COCOA BEACH CHAPTER OF SURFRIDER FOUNDATION
OPPOSING OIL DRILLING OFF THE FLORIDA COAST, OTHER THAN
THOSE ALREADY APPROVED FOR OIL LEASING AND OIL EXPLORATION

WHEREAS, a Congressional ban against offshore drilling has been in effect since 1981 and was renewed in _____ and also in _____, the purpose of which was to reduce the chance of environmental damage from oil spills that would significantly harm our tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2003 Congressional report, increasing offshore production would not displace enough in imports to reduce U.S. reliance on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, a 2007 report by the U.S. Department of Energy shows that opening the Florida coast to drilling would not have a significant impact on domestic crude oil prices before the year 2030, if ever; that it is not economically feasible to drill for oil in the OCS; and that even if all available areas were opened, at the peak of production, it would have little, if any, effect on price; and

WHEREAS, the previous findings were corroborated in a June 2008 report by the Center for Economic and Policy Research, showing that had Congress continued to increase fuel efficiency standards over the past 22 years, we would now have 16 times the savings in oil consumption than we could achieve by drilling for the next 20 years in now-protected areas; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80 percent of estimated U.S. oil reserves are already currently available to exploration and more than 68 million acres are available to drill, and the U.S. is the third largest oil producer at over seven million barrels of oil per day; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the Florida Chamber of Commerce's and others' position that oil demand will grow, a study by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory found that America used less coal and petroleum energy and 2008; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the Florida Chamber of Commerce's and others' position that new technology has made offshore drilling safe and environmentally friendly with no major spills in over 30 years and they are proposing drilling as three to six miles offshore, oil companies with this new technology still legally pollute by dumping drilling waste mud, cuttings, drainage and other matter every day that contain toxic waste, including heavy metals such as lead, mercury and cadmium, and carcinogens such as benzene, toluene and arsenic; and

WHEREAS, not only do these wells pollute as part of normal production, but they are also susceptible to accidents, incidents, and weather, as in 2005, when Hurricane Katrina destroyed over 113 platforms and Hurricane Rita another 11 platforms, resulting in the destruction of 124 platforms and 741,400 gallons of oil spilled, and since 2005,

hurricanes have destroyed or damaged 378 rigs/platforms, more than 1 million gallons of petroleum have been spilled and many are still leaking today; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, a cargo vessel, Cosco Busan, hit the Bay Bridge spilling 58,000 of bunker fuel into San Francisco Bay, and as recently as July 2009, a Shell Oil Company underground pipeline just 30 miles offshore leaked over 58,000 gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico covering over 80 square miles, and the leak continued without knowledge of the source for over two days, and environmental impacts from oil can last for over 10 years, as witnessed in Alaska after the Exxon Valdez incident, and latest government documents show as production goes up, so do spills, and Dr. Sisskin of Gulf Coast Environmental Defense predicts at least one spill per year; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2005 study by Florida Atlantic University and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, beach tourism alone contributed \$37.2 billion in state revenue in 2004 and tourism in general accounts for one-third of Florida's budget revenues annually, and so many people visit, live and work in Florida for its fishing, swimming, surfing, diving, boating, and pristine beaches and clean and natural environment,, and Florida is dependent on an overall \$65 billion per year tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2009, a bipartisan letter from both Florida senators and 22 of 25 Florida house members was sent to Congress urging it not to expand offshore drilling, and many forward-thinking state senators and representatives also oppose Florida offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, Florida's leaders and all Americans should be pursuing an energy policy that promotes responsibility and renewability based on sound science, honesty and facts more than industrial greed, **and continuing to drill for oil offshore inhibits the implementation of that policy;**

THEREFORE, the Cocoa Beach Chapter of Surfrider Foundation is opposed to any attempt to lift the moratorium on offshore drilling. We urge you, rather than to pursue this destructive and divisive, outdated and ineffective, economically short-sighted and unsustainable direction, to instead join those of us whose vision is one of leading our state and nation to cleaner alternative energy, to a vision that puts us to work in the jobs of the future, and to a vision of being, once again, leaders in a new and exciting future.