

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING IN FLORIDA WATERS AS HAVING A DELETERIOUS IMPACT ON FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, Florida's clear clean waters, world-class beaches and coral reefs draw millions of visitors each year, supports a \$53 billion tourism industry, a \$14 billion marine industry and a fishing industry that injects more than \$6 billion a year to Florida communities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's tourism industry generated \$13.3 billion in payroll to over 1 million Floridians directly employed in tourism; and

WHEREAS, Florida's tourism industry generated over \$65 billion in 2008 to Florida's economy and the sales tax revenue derived there from constitute a significant portion of the State's budget; and

WHEREAS, Florida's leaders from both major political parties have historically recognized the value of our shorelines to our economy; and

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita resulted in 125 spills from platforms, rigs and pipelines totaling 685,000 gallons of oil lost into the sea; and

WHEREAS, because oil prices are determined on the international market, any impact that offshore drilling in Florida waters might have on the wellhead prices is expected to be insignificant; and

WHEREAS, any oil spill event in the Gulf of Mexico would cause harm to Florida's tourism-based economy and could bring ecological damage to the waters of our communities; and

WHEREAS, oil spill events emanating from allowing offshore oil drilling in Florida's waters will significantly jeopardize Florida's pristine waters, world-class beaches, coral reefs, negatively impact the tourism industry and State revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1. The County Commission of Leon County, Florida hereby expresses its opposition to permitting offshore oil drilling within the waters of the State of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida on this 23rd day of March 2010.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Bob Rackleff, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTED BY:

BY: _____
Bob Inzer
Clerk of the Circuit Court

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Leon County Attorney's Office

BY: _____
Herbert W. A. Thiele
County Attorney