

RESOLUTION NO. R10-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, in the wake of the Gulf Oil Spill in the spring of 2010, we the Board of County Commissioners for Leon County Florida, take time to address this situation and to offer our collective voices in nature's fight for survival against the negligence of British Petroleum, a world wide business conglomerate responsible for the dastardly and horrifying disaster known as the Gulf Oil Spill of 2010.

WHEREAS, we are forever sorry for the loss of life affecting fish, birds, waters, protozoa, plankton, vegetation, sea life of rich variety and the perpetual diminishment of air quality; and

WHEREAS, the food chain of the Southern Ecological System has become severely compromised; and

WHEREAS, the impact upon living species may become epic; and

WHEREAS, for a modest cost, a safety device could have been installed by British Petroleum but was omitted. This could have averted the initial crisis and explosion that took the lives of 11 persons; and

WHEREAS, we fondly recall the pristine beaches of Florida's Emerald Coast and the coast line of the Panhandle, Central and South Florida counties. The experiences of outdoor activities shared by children, college students, adults and seniors on the stretch of beaches aligned with the Gulf of Mexico have been vast; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the British Petroleum Oil Spill of 2010, the activity loss includes recreational boating and fishing, commercial fishing, snorkeling, diving, sun bathing, strolling and picnicking to name a few; and

WHEREAS, we are appalled that British Petroleum's CEO Tony Hayward has uttered the comment "I just want to get my life back." This callous and insensitive remark focusing on the personal pronoun "I" is indicative of just how narrow this corporation's mentality registers in its grasp of understanding we all share a horizontal paradigm in the realm of life with nature; and

WHEREAS, this historic oil spill which is an oil gusher in actuality, is a wake up call to all 6.8 billion residents of planet Earth that we must do more to protect the interest of the earth and become better managers in our dominion of the land, air and sea; and

WHEREAS, we strongly support and encourage a forthright investigation into this ordeal so that justice whether civil or criminal will be metered out in an appropriate measure to account for this disaster that heaven and nature will sing triumphantly and that neither heaven or nature will be left to moan and mourn with the blues; and

WHEREAS, we are saddened by all of the recent events pertaining to the oil spill, yet we hope that future generations will exercise more prudence in managing the resources of the planet, and carefully move forward with a broad view that cares for all creatures whether in the deeps of the oceans or high upon the mountain tops and all that lives in between, we urge your care and your spiritual grace upon all life that originates from God; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, that:

1. We deem that the dependence of the global community upon oil has to immediately change. This Board urges the President, Congress, the State of Florida and the world community that it is now time to divest from our use of oil and to invest in alternative energy forms.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, on this the 22nd day of June, 2010.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Bob Rackleff, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Leon County, Florida

By: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the County Attorney
Leon County, Florida

By: _____
Herbert W. A. Thiele, Esq.
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