RESOLUTION NO. 15-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION PROVIDING A STATEWIDE PROHIBITION ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND WELL STIMULATION PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners takes great pride in supporting the highest quality of life among Leon County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners is dedicated to protecting and improving our most precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, also known as well stimulation, may involve the use of hundreds of chemicals, some of which are known to be carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to human beings; and

WHEREAS, exposure to the chemicals used in well stimulation treatments may pose a widespread and significant risk to public health and the State of Florida's most precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may involve the use of substantial amount of freshwater at a time when many Florida local governments are struggling with the impacts that water scarcity may have in the state in the near future; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may result in emission of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, all of which would further exacerbate climate change and its impact to Florida's economic and environment; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may harm wildlife, including species that are protected under federal and state endangered species laws, and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of such practices will help protect the public health, safety and welfare of the state.

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

1. The Leon County Board of County Commissioners supports proposed legislation on a statewide ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and well stimulation treatments performed for the purposes of exploration and production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida due to the potential harmful impacts on the public health, environment and natural resources of Leon County.
2. The Leon County Board of County Commissioners will send a copy of the approved resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Leon County State Legislative Delegation.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, this 10th day of March, 2015.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:_____
Mary Ann Lindley, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:_____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:_____
Herbert W. A. Thiele, County Attorney