The GREATER NAPLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESOLUTION NO. 18-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER NAPLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPPOSING OFF-SHORE OIL DRILLING IN FLORIDA STATE WATERS AND THE EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce is a business organization representing businesses and communities on the Collier County beaches; and

WHEREAS, tourism is the #1 industry in Florida and the health of our natural resources, our beaches and the Gulf of Mexico is vital to our economy; and

WHEREAS, in addition to harming tourism, oil drilling off Florida's coast jeopardizes the housing market and Florida's entire economic wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, our priority is to protect the beaches and our coastline while being good stewards of the environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, our residents and visitors have an expectation of a quality of life and demonstrate a concern for our environment along Collier County's beaches; and

WHEREAS, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010 showed us firsthand how an oil spill off Florida's coast would negatively impact tourism and business, eliminate jobs and cripple our economy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GREATER NAPLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE opposes oil drilling in Florida state waters and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce on this 20nd day of September 2018.

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Michael Dalby, President & CEO