

Resolution 2010-443

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO OFFSHORE DRILLING IN FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT BROWARD COUNTY OPPOSES OFFSHORE DRILLING IN FLORIDA AND ENCOURAGES MUNICIPALITIES TO PASS RESOLUTIONS ALSO OPPOSING OFFSHORE DRILLING IN FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Mayor Ken Keechl)

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2010, an explosion and fire aboard the Deepwater Horizon mobile offshore drilling unit and failure of safety and pollution prevention devices caused an ongoing discharge of oil pollution to the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, there is no consensus regarding the rate of the ongoing oil discharge, previously estimated to be 12,000 to 19,000 barrels a day; and

WHEREAS, Governor Charlie Crist has issued Executive Orders 10-99, 10-100, and 10-106, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and the State Emergency Management Act, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, finding that the ongoing oil discharge threatens the State of Florida with a major disaster, and proclaiming a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2010, in Executive Order 10-106, Governor Crist found that the oil from the discharge has entered the loop current in the Gulf of Mexico and proclaimed that, due to the ongoing oil discharge, an additional state of emergency exists for Florida counties bordering the Gulf and along the Atlantic Seaboard, including Broward County and other South Florida coastal counties; and

1 WHEREAS, Governor Crist and other state officials have called for a Special
2 Session of the Florida Legislature to be convened to consider a constitutional
3 amendment that would prevent oil drilling off of Florida's coastline; and

4 WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Damage
5 Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program responds to as many as 150 oil
6 discharge events each year; and

7 WHEREAS, such events and ongoing offshore drilling in Florida pose critical
8 risks of environmental and economic damage to Broward County; NOW, THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
10 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

11 Section 1. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners hereby
12 opposes offshore drilling in the waters of the State of Florida.

13 Section 2. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners hereby
14 encourages municipalities to join the County in passing similar resolutions.

15 Section 3. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners hereby
16 directs the County Administrator to provide copies of this resolution to the Broward
17 Legislative Delegation, to the Office of the Governor, and to each municipality within
18 Broward County, Florida.

19 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

20 This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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22 ADOPTED this 10th day August , 2010 # 27

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