

**RESOLUTION 2018-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF NAPLES, FLORIDA OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION IN THE EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO AND SUPPORTING THE CURRENT MORATORIUM ON DRILLING IN THE EASTERN GULF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Naples, Florida is located on the Gulf of Mexico and benefits from a pristine environment, including the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; the Everglades National Park, and the Florida Keys; and

**WHEREAS**, the unique marine ecosystem of the west coast of Florida is home to the only living coral reef in the continental United States and the largest documented sea grass bed in the world, and supports more than 6,000 species of fishes, invertebrates, and plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf waters surrounding Naples provide critical spawning habitats to a multitude of recreational and commercial migratory, endemic, coastal and pelagic finfish and shellfish, and unparalleled support to fisheries of the entire Gulf of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf's marine environment provides the foundation for robust local and regional economic activity, primarily tourism and recreational and commercial fishery industries that generate more than 70,000 jobs and more than \$6-billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico killed 11 people and caused the largest marine oil spill in U.S. history, spilling almost 5 million barrels of oil over 84 consecutive days, and oiling more than 1,000 linear miles of shoreline and habitat, killing an estimated 1 million birds and thousands of sea turtles and dolphins, extensively damaging deep sea coral communities, and killing and contaminating untold numbers of fish, shrimp and oysters; and

**WHEREAS**, oil drilling activity in the Gulf of Mexico and accidents such as the Deepwater Horizon oil spill are incompatible with protecting the Gulf's environmental resources and clean and healthy waters that the State of Florida and its coastal communities such as the Florida Keys are so economically dependent upon; and

**WHEREAS**, located in the eastern Gulf of Mexico is the Joint Gulf Range Complex, a critical military testing and training zone, whose national defense activities are incompatible with drilling activity; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 Congress passed the Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act (P.L 109-432) creating a moratorium on drilling in most of the Eastern

Gulf of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of the Interior has announced its intention to lift the moratorium and open up for sale for oil and gas drilling 73 million acres in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Naples citizens are strongly opposed to the lifting of the moratorium and any new offshore oil and gas leasing, exploration, drilling activity and seismic inventories affecting Florida's coast, and continue to support the strongest possible protections for Florida and its invaluable environmental resources from the impacts of offshore oil and gas exploration;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF NAPLES, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this resolution as restated herein constitute the legislative findings and intent of the City Council of Naples, Florida.

**Section 2.** The City Clerk shall furnish copies of this resolution to:

- U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, 716 Senate Hart Office Building, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510;
- U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, 284 Russell Senate Office Building, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510;
- U.S. Representative Francis Rooney, District 19, 120 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515; and
- Florida Governor Rick Scott, State of Florida, The Capitol, 400 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001.

**Section 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED IN OPEN AND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPLES, FLORIDA, THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2018.**

Attest:

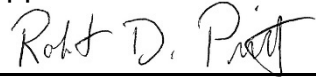
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Patricia L. Rambosk, City Clerk

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Bill Barnett, Mayor

Approved as to form and legality:



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Robert D. Pritt, City Attorney

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