

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** the United States government has expressed an interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration; and

**WHEREAS,** exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of an oil spill and leakage; and

**WHEREAS,** expansion of offshore drilling would require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which could harm the character of the coast; and

**WHEREAS,** offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Florida's coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and

**WHEREAS,** it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or that sufficient inspections and controls are in place to maintain the safe operations of such oil drilling platforms and pipelines; and

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The city of Indian Rocks Beach is opposed to offshore oil and gas development closer than 250 miles to Florida's coasts.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, by the city commission of the city of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida.

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Joanne Moston-Kennedy, Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanne B. O'Reilly, MMC, City Clerk

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