

**RESOLUTION 2018-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF BELLEAIR 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

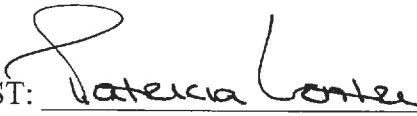
**WHEREAS**, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:**

Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk; therefore the Council expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 5th day of March 2018, at a Regular Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of Belleair Beach, Florida.

ATTEST:   
Patricia A. Gentry, City Clerk

APPROVED:   
Leslie Ford Notaro, Mayor