

RESOLUTION 2018 - 02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING, DUE TO THE RISK THESE ACTIVITIES POSE TO FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENT, BEACHES, MARINE RESOURCES AND LOCAL ECONOMIES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration, including controversial methods such as seismic airgun blasting; and

WHEREAS, seismic airguns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest manmade sounds in the ocean at 200 – 300 decibels, every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day for weeks to months at a time, causing environmental disturbances that could prove harmful or injure and kill dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and

WHEREAS, the full impact of seismic airgun blasting and offshore drilling are not yet fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry, or the federal government; 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, offshore drilling activities pose threats to the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, economically important fisheries, and every eco-system throughout the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Ocean support 70,000 jobs in the Florida Keys, and generate about \$4.4 billion in revenue through fisheries, tourism and related industries, which could be damaged irreparably by one oil drilling disaster.

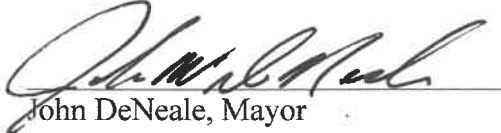
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA THAT:


Section 1. The Key Colony Beach City Commission opposes offshore drilling and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic airgun blasting, which will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk, and urges the Federal Government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

Section 2. That the City Clerk is directed to submit copies of the Resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Governor Rick Scott, Secretary Ryan Zinke, Senator Bill Nelson, Senator Marco Rubio and Congressman Carlos Curbelo.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH, FLORIDA ON THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE 2018.


John DeNeale, Mayor


Attest Kathryn McCullough, City Clerk