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Act-on # 2

RESOLUTION NUMBER R2017-62

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO STAND STRONG AND UNITED AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO ALLOW OIL OR GAS DRILLING ALONG FLORIDA'S COASTLINE; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida's Legislative Delegation both in Congress and the Florida Legislature has long stood united against proposals for oil and gas drilling off the State's coasts; and

WHEREAS, across party lines, Florida's representatives have long recognized that the protection of Florida's fragile coastal ecology is vital to the state's economy, as well as its ecology, and have understood that, in Florida, the economy and the ecology are indeed inseparable; and

WHEREAS, routine offshore drilling operations discharge thousands of pounds of toxic chemicals into surrounding waters, smother bottom-dwelling organisms and sea grasses with cutting and debris, and generate large amounts of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, scientists have alerted the public to the presently unpredictable results of contaminating marine organisms and ecosystems in the Gulf of Mexico, which are a vital part of the food chain throughout the Southeastern United States and the entire country; and

WHEREAS, the Deepwater-Horizon oil spill demonstrated the negative possibility, regardless of advances in safety and engineering, to jeopardize Florida's multi-billion-dollar tourism industry, and

WHEREAS, the northern Gulf of Mexico provides the U.S. military with the largest unimpeded test range in the country and a major reason for U.S military presence and commitment in nearly every county in Northwest Florida. Any drilling intrusion could jeopardize that test range and our military missions in Northwest Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: That the Congress of the United States and the Legislature of the State of Florida are urged to stand strong and united against any attempt to allow oil or gas drilling along Florida's coastline.

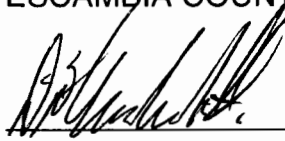
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Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida.

Section 4: The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to U. S. Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio; U. S. Representative Matt Gaetz; State Senator Doug Broxson; State Representatives Clay Ingram, Frank White, and Jay Williamson

ADOPTED this 4th day of May 2017.

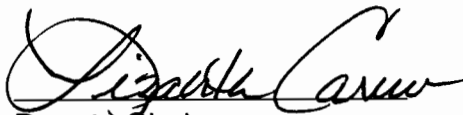
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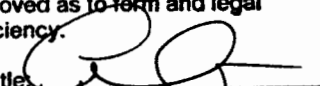
D. B. Underhill, Chairman

ATTEST: Pam Childers
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Date Executed
5/8/2017


Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form and legal
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By/Title: 
Date: 5/3/17