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July 3, 2017

Mr. Ryan Zinke, Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Zinke:

A copy of Resolution No. R-651-17 adopted on June 20, 2017 is provided to you at the request of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact this office.

Respectfully yours,

HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk  
Circuit and County Courts

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Christopher Agrippa, Director  
Clerk of the Board Division

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## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

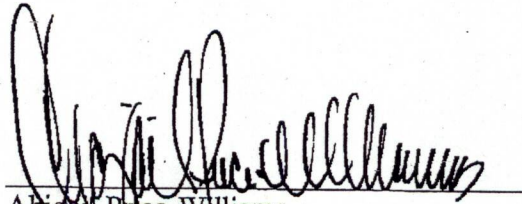
**DATE:** June 20, 2017

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution opposing offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic regions and opposing the issuance of permits enabling the use of air guns for seismic surveys in the Atlantic regions; urging the United States Congress to enact legislation prohibiting offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling in these areas and prohibiting or limiting the use of air guns for seismic surveys

Resolution No. R-651-17

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

  
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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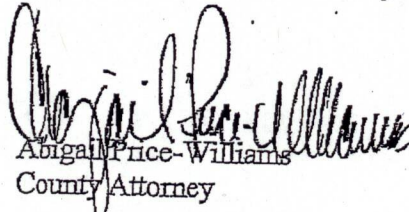


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(Revised)

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and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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FROM:   
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)  
6-20-17

RESOLUTION NO. R-651-17

RESOLUTION OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DRILLING IN THE EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO AND THE ATLANTIC REGIONS AND OPPOSING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS ENABLING THE USE OF AIR GUNS FOR SEISMIC SURVEYS IN THE ATLANTIC REGIONS; URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROHIBITING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DRILLING IN THESE AREAS AND PROHIBITING OR LIMITING THE USE OF AIR GUNS FOR SEISMIC SURVEYS

**WHEREAS**, a variety of environmental risks are associated with offshore natural gas and oil exploration and production, such as discharges or spills of toxic materials whether intentional or accidental, interference with marine life and damage to coastal habitats due to construction and operations of producing infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, a Congressional moratorium on offshore oil and gas drilling was first enacted in 1982 and supplemented by executive orders issued by President George H.W. Bush and President Clinton in 1990 and 1998, respectively, which directed the United States Department of the Interior not to conduct offshore leasing activity in areas covered by the moratorium until 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 ("GOMESA") prohibits the leasing of federal submerged lands for the purpose of producing oil and natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico within 125 miles of the Florida coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, GOMESA expires on June 30, 2022; and



**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump issued an executive order on April 28, 2017, entitled Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy ("Executive Order"), that directed the Secretary of the Interior to review the 2017-2022 "Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf ("OCS") Oil and Gas Leasing Program" for possible new offshore oil exploration and drilling in areas that include the Gulf of Mexico and the Mid and South-Atlantic region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Order additionally directed the Secretary of the Interior to expedite all seismic survey permit applications and authorization requests related to seismic survey permits; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2017, United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke released Order No. 3350 directing the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM"), the agency responsible for administering the leasing program for oil and gas resources and developing the five-year schedule of lease sales, to develop a new "Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program" for 2017-2022 with full consideration given to leasing the OCS offshore Alaska, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico in conformity with the Executive Order; and

**WHEREAS**, Order No. 3350 additionally directed BOEM to cooperate with the National Marine Fisheries Service to establish a plan to expedite consideration of authorization requests needed for seismic survey permits; and

**WHEREAS**, seismic surveys are used to provide data on potential sites for offshore oil and gas exploration as well as to locate sites for offshore wind structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Marine Fisheries Service is seeking permits under the Marine Mammal Protection Act for five companies to use air guns for seismic surveys in the mid-Atlantic, from Delaware to Central Florida and will accept public comments on the proposed surveys through July 7, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, seismic air guns fire intense blasts of compressed air every 10-12 seconds, 24 hours a day, for weeks to months and create one of the loudest man-made sounds in the ocean that can be heard up to 2,500 miles away, according to Ingrid Biedron, a marine scientist at the environmental group Oceana; and

**WHEREAS**, seismic air guns are so loud they can disturb or injure endangered whales and other marine mammals and increase the risk of calves being separated from their mothers; and

**WHEREAS**, the eastern Gulf of Mexico provides a critical testing and training range for our nation's military and is the military's largest training area in the United States, and the moratorium ensures that these vital military readiness activities may be conducted without interference; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 6, 2017, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-618-17, which endorsed the Southeast Florida Coastal Ocean Task Force ("COTF") final report and recommendations to protect coastal resources from any oil exploration off the Florida coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the COTF met monthly over a period of 30 months, studied the challenges and technical issues affecting coastal marine resources in southeast Florida and finalized its recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's coastal communities depend on a clean and healthy ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board opposes offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic regions,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Opposes offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic regions.



**Section 2.** Opposes the issuance of permits that would enable companies or the government to use air guns for seismic surveys in the Atlantic regions.

**Section 3.** Urges the United States Congress to enact legislation prohibiting offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic regions and prohibiting or limiting the use of air guns for seismic surveys in the Atlantic regions.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to oppose the actions described in Sections 1 and 2 above and to advocate for the legislative action set forth in Section 3 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2017 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

**Section 5.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to President Donald Trump, Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and the Assistant Administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava. It was offered by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

|                   |                                     |                      |        |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|
|                   | Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman      | absent               |        |
|                   | Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman | aye                  |        |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | aye                                 | Daniella Levine Cava | aye    |
| Jose "Pepe" Diaz  | aye                                 | Sally A. Heyman      | aye    |
| Barbara J. Jordan | aye                                 | Joe A. Martinez      | aye    |
| Jean Monestime    | absent                              | Dennis C. Moss       | absent |
| Rebeca Sosa       | aye                                 | Sen. Javier D. Souto | aye    |
| Xavier L. Suarez  | absent                              |                      |        |



The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Christopher Agrippa**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Suzanne Villano-Charif", written over a horizontal line.

Suzanne Villano-Charif

STATE OF FLORIDA                    )  
                                              )  
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE            )       SS:

I, **HARVEY RUVIN**, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts, in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said county, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R-651-17 adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, at its meeting of June 20, 2017, as appears of record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this 3rd day of July A.D., 2017.



**HARVEY RUVIN**, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
Miami-Dade County, Florida

By: Olga Valverde  
Deputy Clerk