A RESOLUTION OF THE TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN OPPOSITION OF OFF-SHORE DRILLING IN THE EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO 100 MILES OR LESS TO THE FLORIDA COAST

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce is a business organization representing businesses and communities on the Pinellas County beaches; and

WHEREAS, tourism is the #1 industry in Florida, making our natural resources, our beaches and the Gulf of Mexico vital to our economy; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce understands the need to search for newer, cleaner alternative forms of energy; and

WHEREAS, the utmost care and protection must be taken to preserve our beaches and marine environments; and

WHEREAS, the drilling and construction of oil wells within 100 miles of our coastline would be detrimental to tourism and detrimental to our economy and detrimental to the state of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE opposes any drilling and construction within 100 miles of the west coast of Florida.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce on this 24th day of September, 2009.

Robert A. Sollecito / CEO
President
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