

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-22**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES OFF THE COST OF FLORIDA; 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 methods such as seismic airgun blasting; and

WHEREAS, seismic airgun noise has been shown to harm and injure dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of an oil spills and chronic leakage; and

WHEREAS, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of the coast; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities pose threats to 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, the Village Council recognizes that the tourism and fishing industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal environment, both serve as major economic drivers benefiting the current and future residents, property owners and visitors to Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinecrest endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, exploration and development of oil and gas resources off the coast of Florida will not effectively address the long-term energy needs of our country; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council supports economically and ecologically sources of renewable energy, such as solar and wind, that pose less risk to the coastal environment and economic health;

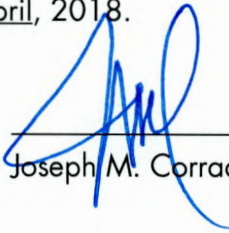
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF PINECREST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Village Council hereby expresses opposition to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including the use of 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.

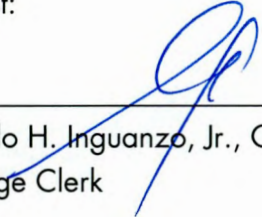
Section 2. That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Village's congressional delegation.

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

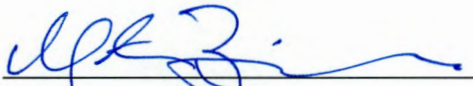
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2018.

  
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Joseph M. Corradino, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC  
Village Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

  
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Mitchell Bierman  
Village Attorney



Motion by: Vice Mayor Ball  
Second by: Councilmember Hochkammer

Vote: Councilmembers Hochkammer, Kraft, Vice Mayor Ball, and Mayor Corradino voting Yes