Destin
CHAMBER

Advocating for Businesses – Strengthening our Community

RESOLUTION 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE DESTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF AMERICA AS IT RELATES TO THE PROTECTION OF THE BEACHES, TOURISM AND EASTERN GULF TEST AND TRAINING RANGE (EGTTR).

WHEREAS, the Destin Chamber of Commerce is a business organization representing approximately 750 members in the Destin area; and

WHEREAS, the Destin Chamber of Commerce is fully cognizant of the need to explore for new energy sources; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and conservation of its natural resources is critical to Northwest Florida's environment and economic future; and

WHEREAS, the Destin area is largely dependent upon the tourism industry, making our natural resources, our beaches and the Gulf of America vital to our economy; and

WHEREAS, the Destin Chamber understands the importance of the local military bases to the defense and protection of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Gulf of America is a strategic national asset critical to the lethality of our weapon systems and the readiness of our Service members; and

WHEREAS, drilling structures and associated activities in the Eastern Gulf of America would be incompatible with military activities, negatively impact our military's readiness, compromise our nation's military superiority, and threaten our economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, these same drilling structures would have a negative impact on tourism for the entire state of Florida;

NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Destin Chamber Board of Directors opposes offshore drilling in the Gulf of America so that we may preserve and protect our tourism industry and the EGTTR for military training purposes that protect the United States of America as well as the beaches and coastal waters of Florida.

SO RESOLVED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025

BY:

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ATTEST:

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President and CEO