

RESOLUTION 18-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND, FLORIDA TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the United States government has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration; and

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of 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 treasured 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 City of Treasure Island 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 City of Treasure Island 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Treasure Island Commission, after due consideration, has determined that opposing offshore drilling activities is in the best interest of the City of Treasure Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk; therefore the Commission expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

Section 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered during Regular Session of the City Commission of the City of Treasure Island, Florida, sitting on the 6th day of February, 2018 by Commissioner Lunn who moved its adoption; was seconded by Commissioner Toth and upon roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: Commissioners Lunn, Kennedy, Keys, Toth, and Mayor Minning

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR ABSTAINING: None

ATTEST:



Tiffany Makras, City Clerk



Robert Minning, Mayor