

RESOLUTION NO. 10-xxx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING IN FLORIDA WATERS AS HAVING A DELETERIOUS IMPACT ON FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO VARIOUS STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida's clear clean waters, world-class beaches and coral reefs draw millions of visitors each year, supports a \$53 billion tourism industry, a \$14 billion marine industry and a fishing industry that injects more than \$6 billion a year to Florida communities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's tourism industry generated \$13.3 billion in payroll to over 1 million Floridians directly employed in tourism; and

WHEREAS, Florida's tourism industry generated over \$65 billion in 2008 to Florida's economy and the sales tax revenue derived therefrom constitute a significant portion of the State's budget; and

WHEREAS, Florida's leaders from both major political parties have historically recognized the value of our shorelines to our economy; and

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita resulted in 125 spills from platforms, rigs and pipelines totaling 685,000 gallons of oil lost into the sea; and

WHEREAS, because oil prices are determined on the international market, any impact that offshore drilling in Florida waters might have on the wellhead prices is expected to be insignificant; and

WHEREAS, any oil spill event in the Gulf of Mexico would cause harm to Florida's tourism-based economy and could bring ecological damage to Fort Lauderdale's beach by way of the loop current; and

WHEREAS, oil spill events emanating from allowing offshore oil drilling in Florida's waters will significantly jeopardize Florida's pristine waters, world-class beaches, coral reefs, negatively impact the tourism industry and State revenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida hereby expresses its opposition to permitting offshore oil drilling within the waters of the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to Florida Governor Charlie Christ, the State Senate President, the State Speaker of the House, the Broward County Legislative Delegation to the State of Florida Senate and House of Representatives, the United States Senate for the State of Florida and to Broward County's Representatives in the United States House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. That any Resolution or any parts of Resolution in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of February, 2010.

Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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