

RESOLUTION NO. 09-280

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING A BILL TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR AND CABINET TO ALLOW FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. The Florida House has begun debate on a bill to allow the Governor and Cabinet to allow for offshore drilling off Florida's coast and end the 20-year drilling moratorium.
2. This bill would allow the Governor and Cabinet (sitting as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund) to receive, review, and then accept or reject in the Cabinet's sole discretion, proposals for exploration and production of oil and natural gas in Florida's state waters.
3. Offshore drilling would threaten Florida's economy by bringing oil rigs 3 miles off Florida's coast, sanctioning drilling in the shallow waters of the Gulf, and allowing unlimited pipelines to go through sensitive areas up to Florida beaches.
4. Offshore drilling creates an environmental threat to marine animals whereby the sounds carry through the water for hundreds of miles and have been known to cause permanent hearing loss in marine mammals and also disrupts their feeding, migration, social bonding predator avoidance and have been associated with stranded whales.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2: This Board opposes offshore drilling in Florida.

Section 3: The County Administrator is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, the County's Legislative Delegation and the Florida Association of Counties.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2009.

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Paula R. Lewis
Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:

BY: [Signature]
County Attorney