

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2698

A RESOLUTION OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED 'PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR FLORIDA ACT  
OF 2006'; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Florida as a peninsular state, has a delicately balanced ecological system of aquatic life, wildlife, coral reefs, wetlands, bays, estuaries and marshes; and

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

**WHEREAS**, offshore drilling and pipeline construction and installation near any Florida shore may cause significant damage to aquatic life, wildlife, sea grasses, coral reefs, mangroves, beaches and wetlands, and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's contributions to the U.S. economy include tourism, retirement, recreation, and agricultural products which are not provided by other oil and gas producing states; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential for an oil or gas spill is significant and the damage therefrom to the beaches, coastal wetlands and salt marshes of the County of Bay and surrounding communities could be catastrophic; and

**WHEREAS**, routinely there are proposals to allow offshore drilling closer to Florida's coasts which causes the risk of damage to Florida to significantly increase; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore drilling close to Florida's shores could inhibit and impair training exercises and other operations of Florida's many military bases that are crucial to our nation's security; and

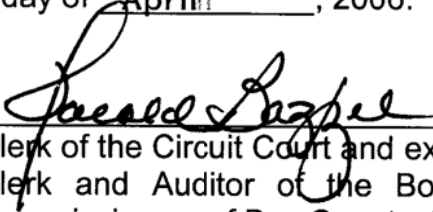
**WHEREAS**, Senators Martinez and Nelson have proposed legislation known as the 'Permanent Protection for Florida Act of 2006' which will help protect Florida's coasts by legislatively establishing a boundary line for drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Bay County Board of County Commissioners, Florida that the risk of damage from offshore drilling to the County and surrounding communities and the environment is great and the Board of Bay County Board of County Commissioners supports the 'Permanent Protection for Florida Act of 2006' which will help protect Florida's coasts.

**DONE AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida, the 4th day of April, 2006.

I, Harold Bazzel, Clerk of Circuit Court and ex-officio Clerk and Auditor of the Board of County Commissioners do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County in open session regularly scheduled session on the 4th day of April, 2006.



  
Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex-officio  
Clerk and Auditor of the Board of County  
Commissioners of Bay County, Florida



Approved to form and content:

  
County Attorney