

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-3.6

A RESOLUTION OF MARTIN COUNTY OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND NATURAL GAS DRILLING IN THE EARSTERN GULF OF MEXICO ANDSPECIFICALLY OPPOSING ANY FUTURE LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW NEAR-SHORE DRILLING FROM THREE TO NINE MILES OFF OF THE FLORIDA COAST; URGING FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES TO REFRAIN FROM ANY FORM OF SUPPORT OR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF ANY SUCH FUTURE LEGISLATION AND TO VOTE IN OPPOSITION OF SUCH LEGISLATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Martin County is an area located on the East Coast of Florida and the potential damage to the County's beaches and coastlines should a spill occur would be devastating to the tourism, environment, flora and fauna of Florida's coasts; and

WHEREAS, there is on-going discussion and concern that the Florida State Legislature may consider legislation which would specifically allow near-shore oil and natural gas drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and three to nine miles off the coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Martin County includes beaches that are critical for marine turtle nesting and shore bird nesting including threatened and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, a 2007 report by the U.S. Department of Energy documents that opening the Florida coast to drilling would not have a significant impact on domestic crude oil prices before the year 2030, that it is not economically feasible to drill for oil in certain offshore areas; and if available areas were opened, at the peak of production, it would have little effect on the price of crude oil; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Martin County is opposed to offshore and near-shore oil and natural gas drilling in Florida.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2010

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Marsha Ewing
MARSHA EWING, CLERK

BY: Doug Smith
DOUG SMITH, CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

BY: Stephen Fry
STEPHEN FRY, COUNTY ATTORNEY

