

RESOLUTION NO. 641

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER ISLAND, MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND NATURAL GAS DRILLING IN THE EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO AND SPECIFICALLY OPPOSING ANY FUTURE LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW NEAR-SHORE DRILLING FROM THREE TO NINE MILES OFF 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 an ongoing 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, the oil drilling economic benefits alleged fail to take into account the risks to Florida's tourism industry due to offshore drilling rigs, pipelines, storage facilities, vessels, and other infrastructure in and on Florida land and waters that are in direct visual, physical and environmental conflict with the world-class beaches that are the basis of Florida's tourism and economy; and

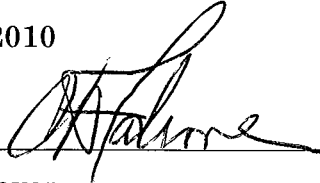
WHEREAS, Martin County includes beaches that are critical for marine turtle nesting and shore bird nesting including threatened and endangered species; and

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 TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER ISLAND THAT:

The Town of Jupiter Island is opposed to offshore and near-shore oil and natural gas drilling in Florida.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2010



Mayor

W. G. P. (opposed)

Commissioner

A. Chalkton (opposed)

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ATTEST:

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Town Clerk