

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO. 96- 32

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF OIL OR GAS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA; URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO PROHIBIT SUCH PRODUCTION; DIRECTING NOTIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Estero Island is a barrier island located off the coast of Southwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Fort Myers Beach was incorporated in 1995 and encompasses the whole of Estero Island; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Myers Beach is entrusted with conserving, protecting and preserving the natural ecosystems of the island and its surrounding waters which include coral reefs, sea grass beds, mangrove forests and shoreline organisms; and

WHEREAS, these natural resources are now in jeopardy by proposals for oil and gas development in Florida coastal waters in the Gulf of Mexico in proximity to this and other fragile coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, the beaches of Estero Island are the primary asset to our tourist-based economy and any oil spill off the coast of Florida would have severe and long-term impact on the economy and quality of life of our citizens and the citizens of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Lee County, Florida:

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach hereby publicly proclaims its strong opposition to the exploration and production of oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of South Florida.

Section 2. The Council hereby urges the State of Florida to deny applications to drill exploratory wells and to prohibit the exploration and development of any oil and gas fields in the areas of the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Florida.

Section 3. The Town Manager is directed to deliver by mail a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor and Cabinet.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

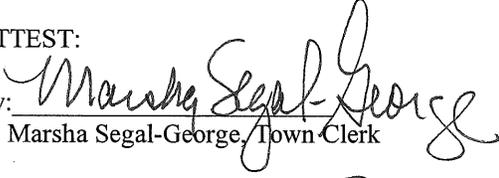
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Anita T. Cereceda	<u>aye</u>
Ted FitzSimons	<u>aye</u>
William (Rusty) Isler	<u>aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>aye</u>
Ray Murphy	<u>aye</u>

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1996.

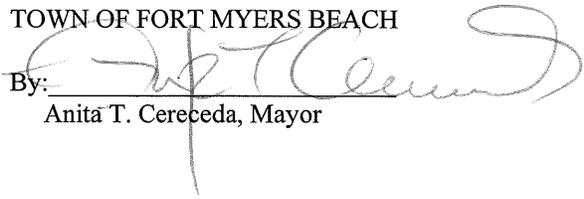
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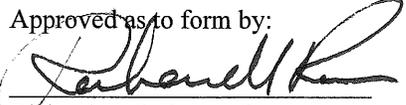
  
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By:

  
Anita T. Cereceda, Mayor

Approved as to form by:

  
Richard V. S. Roosa, Town Attorney