

RESOLUTION 10-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON WELL OIL SPILL IN THE GULF OF MEXICO; REQUESTING MONETARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO BE USED BY THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND PROSPECTIVE VISITORS TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA OF THE FACT THAT THE OIL SPILL HAS HAD NO PHYSICAL IMPACT ON SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BEACHES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico while performing drilling operations for British Petroleum (BP); and

WHEREAS, the broken well has leaked significant quantities of emulsified and thick crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the leakage has caused a major environmental disaster in the Gulf of Mexico and has had an effect on tourism in all states bordering the Gulf of Mexico, including Florida; and

WHEREAS, tourism is a major contributor to the economy of the Town of Fort Myers Beach; and

WHEREAS, even though there has been, to date, no direct physical damage to the beaches of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, there has been a significant decrease in tourism in the Town due, at least in part, to public misconception concerning whether the oil has reached the Town's beaches and the likelihood of oil reaching the Town's beaches; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the downturn in the United States economy, which existed prior to the oil spill, Town revenues have decreased significantly; and

WHEREAS, the Town revenues will likely further decrease as a direct result of the publicity surrounding the oil spill; and

WHEREAS, the Town is in need of monetary assistance to publicize the fact that the oil spill has not affected the condition of Town beaches and that tourists need not fear traveling to the Town to vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida hereby requests that Governor Charlie Crist and members of the Florida Legislature take immediate action to provide the Town of Fort Myers Beach with funds to be used by the Town to conduct advertising to publicize, on a state and national level, the fact that the Town's beaches are physically unaffected by the oil spill and are unlikely to be physically affected by the oil spill in the future.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

Section 4. The Town Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Charlie Crist and to members of the Florida Legislature.

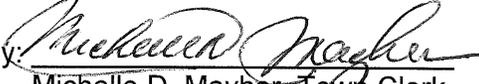
The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by Council Member Mandel and seconded by Council Member List and upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Larry Kiker, Mayor	aye	Bob Raymond, Vice Mayor	aye
Tom Babcock	aye	Jo List	aye
Alan Mandel	aye		

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2010, BY THE

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH**

By:   
Larry Kiker, Mayor

ATTEST:  
By:   
Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By:   
Fowler White Boggs, Town Counsel