

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-18

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE
CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON THE
PRIVATE LEASING OF LAND UNDER STATE
CONTROLLED WATERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OIL AND
GAS DRILLING

WHEREAS, The Town of Fort Myers Beach remains unalterably opposed to any oil or gas leasing or drilling projects off Florida's west coast; and

WHEREAS, The coast of Florida is a public asset and a resource that requires continued protection; it is essential to preserve and protect this valuable natural resource by eliminating potentially disastrous impacts that could occur due to such projects; and

WHEREAS, Lee County's major industries are tourism and fishing and an oil spill off the coast of Florida would have severe and long-term, if not permanent, impacts on our economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Every consideration must be taken to preserve the integrity of our coastline and immensely productive bays and estuaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, LEE COUNTY FLORIDA does hereby proclaim our strong support for the recent actions of Senator Bill Nelson and Senator Mel Martinez in their efforts to delay any oil or gas drilling off the coast of Florida, and for any other future restrictions or regulations which will place a moratorium on drilling projects or inventories of oil and natural gas deposits and impose important restrictions and requirements to protect the marine, coastal and human environments of the coast of Florida.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 27th day of June, 2005.

By: Bill Van Duzer

Bill Van Duzer, Mayor

By: Marsha Segal-George

Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

Approved as to form by:

Anne Dalton
Anne Dalton, Town Attorney