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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY
REGARDING THE PROPOSED OIL DEVELOPMENT
LEASING IN FLORIDA WATER

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Interior is considering a proposal to lease federal water for oil development off the coast of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal for offshore oil drilling poses a serious threat to the fragile shoreline of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key is concerned for not only the fishing and tourist negative impacts but also for preserving an irreplaceable environmental resource; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal would threaten not only the beach areas but the aquatic life of the Florida waters as well,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The Town of Longboat Key, Florida strongly urges the U. S. Department of Interior to not proceed with the proposed leasing of federal waters for oil development or to strictly limit such activity to beyond a 30-mile buffer zone from the coast of Florida.

2. The Town Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Florida Legislature, local governments in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, the U. S. Department of Interior, and two U. S. Senators of the State of Florida.

Adopted this 19th day of November, 1987.

Catherine G. Fernald
Catherine G. Fernald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia L. Arends
Patricia L. Arends, Town Clerk

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