

RESOLUTION 90-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TO CREATE A 30-MILE BUFFER ZONE ALONG THE ENTIRE GULF COAST OF FLORIDA TO PROHIBIT OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR COPIES TO BE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT, LOCAL U.S. CONGRESSMEN, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN MANATEE AND SARASOTA COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, President George Bush recently imposed a moratorium on oil and gas development off the coast of Florida south of Naples (26 degrees latitude); and

WHEREAS, the fragile coastline along the Town of Longboat Key and the Tampa Bay region continues to remain vulnerable to oil and gas exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key and communities of the Tampa Bay region are concerned for the fishing and tourist concerns but also for preserving irreplaceable environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council are strongly committed to the wise management of the coastline to ensure for all residents that the environmental, recreational and economic value of the coastal zone will be sustained; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 1990, strongly urged President Bush and the U.S. Department of the Interior to create a 30-mile buffer zone along the Gulf coast of Florida where oil and gas exploration and development would be prohibited.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. The Town Commission strongly urges President Bush and the U.S. Department of the Interior to create a 30-mile buffer zone along the entire Gulf coast of Florida where oil and gas exploration and development would be prohibited.

2. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Office of the President, the local representatives of the U.S. Congress, and all local governments in Manatee and Sarasota Counties to seek similar support.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, THIS 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1990.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR

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