

RESOLUTION 93-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A 100-MILE BUFFER ZONE FROM THE GULF COAST OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND CABINET.

WHEREAS, Florida's fragile coastline continues to remain vulnerable to oil and gas exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, the communities of the Tampa Bay and Sarasota Bay areas are concerned for tourist and fishing concerns as well as for preserving irreplaceable environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the Longboat Key Town Commission is 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 Federal government and the State of Florida have initiated the Surface Water Improvement and Management Program and the Sarasota Bay and Tampa Bay National Estuary Programs to restore and protect these Bays; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and its Agency on Bay Management have historically opposed oil and gas exploration and development within a 100-mile buffer zone along the Gulf coast of Florida.

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

Section 1. The Town of Longboat Key strongly supports prohibition of oil and gas exploration and development in the Gulf of Mexico and urges the State of Florida, the Governor and Cabinet, and Florida's Congressional Delegation to prohibit such activities within 100 miles of the Gulf coast of Florida.

Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Office of the President, the U.S. Congressional delegation, the Governor and Cabinet.

ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 1993.

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

James P. Brown
MAYOR

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