

RESOLUTION 96-32

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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF OIL OR GAS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA; URGING THE GOVERNOR AND CABINET TO DENY PERMISSION FOR SUCH EXPLORATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Coastal Petroleum Company has applied for permission to drill exploratory wells off the Gulf Coast of Florida, a distance of three miles from shore and extending from offshore of Naples to Appalachicola Bay; and

WHEREAS, recent scientific studies have reinforced our concerns about the long-term effects of oil spills on coral reefs, sea grass beds, mangrove forests and other shoreline and nearshore organisms; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned natural communities are of inestimable economic, environmental and aesthetic value to the citizens of Florida and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Longboat Key is a barrier island located off the coast of Southwest Florida and has natural resources which are enjoyed by visitors and residents alike; and

WHEREAS, such natural resources are now placed in jeopardy by proposals for oil and gas development in Florida coastal waters in the Gulf of Mexico in proximity to this and other fragile coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, any oil spill off the coast of Florida would have severe and long-term impacts on the economy and quality of life of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and many other local organizations and individuals have voiced opposition to Coastal Petroleum Company's exploration activities off the coast of Florida, citing environmental concerns and the importance of preserving the integrity of the coastline and critically important bays, lagoons, and estuaries.

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

Section 1. The Town of Longboat Key hereby proclaims its strong opposition to the exploration and production of oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Southwest Florida.

Section 2. Governor Chiles and the Members of the Florida Cabinet are requested to deny the application by Coastal Petroleum Company for permission to drill exploratory wells off the coast of Florida, and are further requested to continue their opposition to leasing for oil exploration off the coast of Florida.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Town Commission of the Town of Longboat key held this 2ND day of December, 1996.



Robert L. Laffey
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Patricia L. Arends
TOWN CLERK