

RESOLUTION 2008-42

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA,
URGING CONGRESS TO UPHOLD THE MORATORIUM PROTECTING FLORIDA'S COAST
FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING**

WHEREAS, much of the City of Tarpon Springs' economy depends upon clean beaches and coastal waters for tourism, fishing, sponging, recreation and related services; and,

WHEREAS, for 20 years, the Congressional Moratorium that prohibits drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf near Florida has protected our economy and natural resources from the effects of accidental and routine operations associated with the exploration and production of oil and gas; and,

WHEREAS, Florida frequently experiences hurricanes which, according to the Coast Guard in 2005, caused eight million gallons of petroleum products to be released into the environment; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs is willing to examine all options to secure the nation's energy needs which do not unduly threaten our economic and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, many cities, including the City of Tarpon Springs, have implemented energy conservation and environmental protection programs and similar measures that conserve energy, protect natural resources and support the economies of their cities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Tarpon Springs urges Congress to extend the Drilling Moratorium for the Outer Continental Shelf, which it has annually extended since it was originally enacted in 1988.

SECTION 2. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Florida League of Cities and the Mayor is hereby authorized to send correspondence along with this resolution to United States Senators Bill Nelson and Mel Martinez.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 16th day of September 2008.

Beverly Billiris
BEVERLEY BILLIRIS, MAYOR

Peter S. Dalacos
PETER S. DALACOS, COMMISSIONER

Robin Saenger
ROBIN SAENGER, VICE-MAYOR

Chris Alahouzos
CHRIS ALAHOUZOS, COMMISSIONER

Susan Slattery
SUSAN SLATTERY, COMMISSIONER

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER DALACOS
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER SAENGER

VOTE ON MOTION

COMMISSIONER SLATTERY Yes
COMMISSIONER ALAHOUZOS No
VICE-MAYOR SAENGER Yes
COMMISSIONER DALACOS Yes
MAYOR BILLIRIS Yes

ATTEST:

Irene S. Jacobs
IRENE S. JACOBS, **CMC SEAL**
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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