

RESOLUTION

OPPOSITION TO THE EXPANSION OF OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

WHEREAS, The Tourist Development Council voices its opposition to any new oil and gas leases in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the coast of the United States and particularly the State of Florida; and,

Whereas, Council is strongly supportive of maintaining the current offshore drilling moratorium to protect our marine ecosystems and supports making the Congressional leasing moratorium permanent; and

Whereas, Council is committed to protecting the ocean environment by keeping it free from potentially harmful offshore oil rigs, especially in light of the recent damaging hurricanes that have swept through the Gulf of Mexico; and,

Whereas, Council is dedicated to preserving the beauty of our coastal treasures by keeping beaches free of unsightly oil rigs; and


Whereas, Council is opposed to any efforts that result in a weakening of the State's rights to protect its coastlines and offer federal funds for new oil and gas leases.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEE
COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; THAT:**

The Tourist Development Council is opposed to any new oil and gas leases in the OCS and support a permanent moratorium on offshore drilling.

Adopted by the Tourist Development Council of Lee County, this
fifteenth day of November 2005.

Lee County Tourist Development Council



John Albion

Lee County Board of County Commissioner and
Tourist Development Council

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