

RESOLUTION 2018-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of St. Pete Beach opposes offshore oil drilling and exploration activities; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has expressed an interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration; and

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of an oil spill and leakage; and

WHEREAS, expansion of offshore drilling would require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which could harm the character of the coast; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or that sufficient inspections and controls are in place to maintain the safe operations of such oil drilling platforms and pipelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, THAT:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals ("Whereas" clauses) are true and correct and adopted hereby as findings, purpose and intent of the City Commission.

SECTION 2. The City Commission is hereby opposed to oil and gas development closer than 250 miles to Florida's coasts.

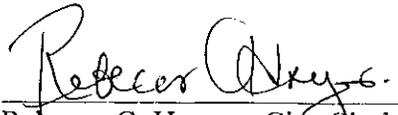
SECTION 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

CITY COMMISSION, CITY OF ST. PETE
BEACH, FLORIDA.



Alan Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

 03/13/2018

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND CORRECTNESS:



Andrew Dickman, City Attorney