

RESOLUTION NO. 703

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA, OPPOSING A BILL TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR AND CABINET TO ALLOW FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall's Point, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. Tourism accounts for one third of budget revenues statewide and 96% of visitors cite the beaches as an influential factor in their decision to visit Florida.

2. Tourist tax collections in Martin County exceeded \$513,000 in fiscal year 2007 and more than one million Floridians are employed in businesses that directly support tourists as of 2008.

3. Martin County's economy is heavily tied to clean beaches which, in turn, attract visitors to our businesses.

4. The Florida House has begun debate on a bill to allow the Governor and Cabinet to authorize offshore drilling off Florida's coast, ending the 20-year drilling moratorium.

5. This bill would allow the Governor and Cabinet (sitting as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund) to receive, review, and then accept or reject, in the Cabinet's sole discretion, proposals for exploration and production of oil and natural gas in Florida's state waters.

6. Offshore drilling threatens Florida's economy by allowing oil rigs 3 miles off Florida's coast, sanctioning drilling in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and allowing unlimited pipelines to go through environmentally sensitive areas and to reach Florida beaches.

7. Despite technological advances in oil rig technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life can be avoided.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Town Commission opposes offshore drilling within 10 miles of Florida's coast.

Section 3. The Town Manager is hereby directed to send a copy of this executed resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, Martin County's Legislative Delegation, and the Florida League of Cities.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

MARK KLINGENSMITH, MAYOR
JACQUI THURLOW-LIPPISCH, VICE MAYOR
PAUL SCHOPPE, Commissioner
TOM BAUSCH, Commissioner
PAM BUSHA, Commissioner

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>absent</u>	_____
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The Town Manager thereupon declared this Resolution No. 703 approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point on this 2/9 day of April, 2010.

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Ann-Marie S. Basler
Ann-Marie S. Basler, Town Clerk

Robert Kellogg, Town Manager

Glen J. Torcivia, Town Attorney

