

RESOLUTION NO. 18-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA,
OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION
ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City of Clearwater is opposed to offshore oil and gas development closer than 250 miles to Florida's coasts.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2018.

- George N. Cretekos

George N. Cretekos
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Pamela K. Akin

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City Attorney

Attest:

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City Clerk

