



**RESOLUTION 2018-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (BIG C) OF FLORIDA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR 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

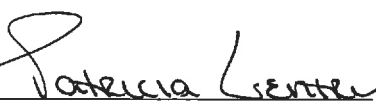
**WHEREAS**, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm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

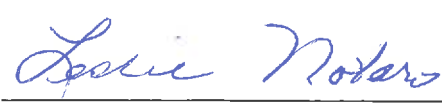
**WHEREAS**, it is our belief that despite technological advances in oil rig drilling technology, there is no positive assurance that catastrophic damage to our coastline, beaches, plant and fish life could be avoided during normal operating conditions or that sufficient inspections and controls are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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BARRIER ISLANDS GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (BIG C) OF FLORIDA, THAT:**

Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk; therefore the Council expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25th day of April 2018, at a Regular Meeting of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council of Florida.

ATTEST:   
Patricia A. Gentry, Clerk

APPROVED:   
Leslie Ford Notaro, BIG C President