

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING CONCERNS RELATED TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS WITHIN THE "PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING AN AMERICA-FIRST OFFSHORE ENERGY STRATEGY;" URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE FLORIDA'S LAWS, GOALS AND POLICIES AGAINST DRILLING IN STATE WATERS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO APPLY FLORIDA'S LAWS, GOALS AND POLICIES, BY REFUSING TO APPROVE ANY OIL OR GAS LEASE(S) THAT COULD POSE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON FLORIDA WATERS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE THIS RESOLUTION TO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP, GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT, U.S. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR RYAN ZINKE, SENATOR NELSON, SENATOR RUBIO, CONGRESSMAN CURBELO; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order to begin the implementation of his "America-First Offshore Energy Strategy"; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order provides direction to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to review and analyze regulations and executive orders that affect federal waters, including National Marine Sanctuaries, in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic, which surround the Florida Keys, and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the residents and legislature of the State of Florida have found repeatedly that protection and preservation of Florida's

resources is a matter of highest urgency and priority, and accordingly, no permit to drill a well in search of oil or gas has been permitted in Florida waters since 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Order increases the potential for more areas becoming open to offshore leasing, and seeks to permit exploration methods, such as seismic testing, which can negatively impact sea life, even if oil drilling does not commence; and

WHEREAS, oil prices have dropped precipitously in recent years, clearly indicating that the U.S. has access to more oil and gas than it needs, and that seeking new sources of oil, in pristine public waters, should not be a priority of the federal government for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic support 70,000 jobs in the Florida Keys, and generate about \$4.4 billion in revenue through fisheries, tourism and related industries, which could be damaged irreparably by one oil well disaster; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Offshore drilling could pose threats to the economy and the environment of Key West and the Florida Keys, and

therefore the City Commission is concerned about certain provisions within the "Presidential Executive Order Implementing and America-First Offshore Energy Strategy;"

Section 2: That the Florida Legislature is urged to provide U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke with a comprehensive collection of Florida's laws, goals and policies against drilling in State waters.

Section 3: That Secretary Zinke is urged to ensure that Florida's laws, goals and policies are applied to any consideration of oil and gas exploration or drilling in Gulf and South Atlantic waters, and that no lease(s) with a potential impact to Florida waters are approved.

Section 4: That the City Clerk is directed to submit copies of this Resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Governor Rick Scott, Secretary Ryan Zinke, Senator Bill Nelson, Senator Marco Rubio, Congressman Carlos Curbelo.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this
_____ day of _____, 2017.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission
on _____ day of _____, 2017.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2017.

Mayor Craig Cates	_____
Vice Mayor Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Richard Payne	_____
Commissioner Margaret Romero	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

CRAIG CATES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK