

RESOLUTION NO. 184 -2010

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA KEYS ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION AND
ITS EFFORTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL
SPILL**

WHEREAS, the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill is the worst oil spill in US history and has the potential to cause unprecedented devastation to the waters and shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico, and that has already resulted in severe economic losses, destruction of wildlife and their habitat, degradation of recreational areas, nature preserves, unique ecosystems and entire ways of life; and

WHEREAS, the threats from the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill continue to escalate due to the continuing release of oil and toxic dispersants into the Gulf of Mexico, causing unique threats that even the greatest and most experienced scientific minds are not able to categorize, quantify, or suggest defenses against; and

WHEREAS, these certain and unprecedented threats may approach Monroe County and the Florida Keys via the Loop Current, the Gulf Stream and other currents within the Gulf of Mexico and could represent peril to the various hyper-sensitive ecosystems of the Florida Keys including the "Backwater", salt and brackish water sections of the Everglades National Park, the coral reefs and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, John Pennekamp State Park, the Gulf Stream offshore fish habitat and irreplaceable national and world treasures; and

WHEREAS, the people of Monroe County represent one of the most self-sufficient, resilient and knowledgeable communities of people with regard to the preparation and survival of disastrous events, such as hurricanes, the specific behaviors and workings of its ecosystems and the effects of changes on the way of life of the community and residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the leading experts in marine biology, ecosystems and wildlife stewardship specific to the Florida Keys reside and practice their expertise within Monroe County and that world renowned leadership has attracted the support of many more experts from around the US and world; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Environmental Coalition is composed of a number of existing & long-time environmental and other groups and has collected in excess of 4000 volunteers to date many of which have already taken essential hazardous material, oiled wildlife, and National Incident Management System (NIMS) training to enable proper leadership and coordination with all Incident Command participants; and

WHEREAS, "The Mission of the Florida Keys Environmental Coalition is to coordinate and support the initiatives of organizations, businesses, and individuals who work to protect

the coral reefs and ecosystems of the Florida Keys, and to provide a unified voice for our community”; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys Environmental Coalition has requested to take action to try to get the Unified Command to incorporate the volunteer expertise and resources of the Florida Keys Environmental Coalition in the response actions; now therefore

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:

1. Monroe County, and its Board of County Commissioners, in preparation for and the protection of all of the various intertwined ecosystem of the Florida Keys does, support the Florida Keys Environmental Coalitions (FKEC) in research, improved defense techniques, emergency operation coordination, deployment of protection systems, strategies, and tactics, as a significant idea and implementation leader for a community defense strategy.

2. The Monroe County BOCC does direct its staff to continue to take all action necessary to prepare for response, including active participation in the Unified Command actions for protection, clean-up and remediation, as well as ability to file claims for the county.

3. The Monroe County BOCC demands the best and proper protection of its ecosystems, livelihood and people from the pending threats of the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill and believes that it is vital to the necessary transparency and effectiveness of the Unified Command and BP responses to protect the Florida Keys to incorporate the full cooperation of all participating Keys entities in this effort, including the FKEC.

4. The Clerk shall send copies of this Resolution to:

- a. **Secretary Ken Salazar**, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington DC 20240
- b. **Honorable Senator Bill Nelson**, 716 Senate Hart Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
- c. **Honorable Senator LeMieux**; 317 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
- d. **Honorable Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen**, 2160 Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20515
- e. **Governor Charlie Crist**, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.
- f. **FL Representative Dean Cannon**, 422 The Capitol 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
- g. **FL Representative Ron Saunders**, 1402 The Capitol, 402 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
- h. **FL Senator Larcenia Bullard**, 218 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
- i. **Col. May, District Supervisor**, Army Corp. of Engineers, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019
- j. **Col. Terrance “Rock” Salt**, Asst. Sec. for Civil Works, US Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street, NW, Wash., DC 20314-1000
- k. **President Barack Obama**, The White House, Washington, DC 20502
- l. **Vice-President Joe Biden**, The White House, Washington, DC 20502
- m. **Secretary Michael Sole**, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard M.S. 49 Tallahassee, Florida 32399

- n. **Lisa P. Jackson**, EPA Admin. Environmental Protection Agency, USEPA Headquarters Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., **Mail Code:** 1101A, Washington, DC 20460
- o. **Anne Morkill**, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, 28950 Watson Boulevard, Big Pine Key, Florida 33043-6087
- p. **Commander Pat deQuattro**, U.S. Coast Guard USCG Sector Key West\ n100 Trumbo Rd, Key West FL 33040
- q. **Lisa Gordon**, Emergency Response Specialist, Bureau of Emergency Response, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2796 Overseas Highway, #219B, Marathon, FL 33050
- r. **Irene Toner**, Director, Monroe County Emergency Management
- s. **Sean Morton**, NOAA33 East Quay Road, Key West, FL 33040
- t. **Christopher T. Ziegler**, NPS Liaison/DOI Representative to Unified Command, Coast Guard Sector Key West, Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Incident, P.O. Box 6208, Key West, FL 33041

5. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 16th day of June, 2010.

Mayor Murphy	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem Carruthers	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Di Gennaro	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Neugent	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Wigington	<u>Yes</u>



ATTEST: **Danny L. Kolhage**, Clerk
 By *Danny L. Kolhage*
 Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By *Sylvia J. Murphy*
 Mayor/Chairman

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James H. Smith
 COUNTY CLERK
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