

RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-19

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 273  
IMPOSING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS AND  
REQUIREMENTS ON THE LEASING UNDER THE OUTER  
CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS ACT

WHEREAS, The Town of Fort Myers Beach remains unalterably opposed to any oil or gas leasing or drilling projects off Florida's west coast; and

WHEREAS, The coast of Florida is a public asset and a resource that requires continued protection; it is essential to preserve and protect this valuable natural resource by eliminating potentially disastrous impacts that could occur due to such projects; and

WHEREAS, Lee County's major industries are tourism and fishing and an oil spill off the coast of Florida would have severe and long-term, if not permanent, impacts on our economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Every consideration must be taken to preserve the integrity of our coastline and immensely productive bays and estuaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH OF LEE COUNTY FLORIDA do hereby establish our strong support of House Bill 273 which will place a moratorium on drilling projects and impose important restrictions and requirements to protect the marine, coastal and human environments of the coast of Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Representative Porter Goss.

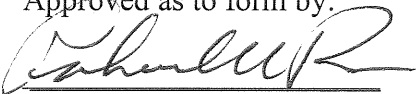
DULY ADOPTED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001.

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By:   
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

By:   
Daniel Hughes, Mayor

Approved as to form by:

  
Richard V.S. Roosa, Town Attorney