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WHEREAS, given that Florida waters extend no more than 10 miles from the coastline, drilling rigs of any size would be seen on the horizon in the daytime, in the sunset and especially at night; and

WHEREAS, oil rigs and the pipelines that support them, including their required setback areas, severely limit access to the scarce sand sources that are vital to Florida's beach re-nourishment program; and

WHEREAS, Florida citizens and legislators have been led to believe that offshore drilling in Florida waters is needed immediately—to provide revenue to the State, to lower the price of gasoline, to eliminate the United States' dependency on foreign oil, and to provide additional area where oil companies can drill—when in fact it would likely be several years before production would begin and decades before alleged production volumes would be achieved; and the volumes alleged would have negligible effect on gas prices and our country's dependence on foreign oil.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the representatives of the Barrier Islands Government Council that we unanimously oppose legislative attempts to allow offshore oil drilling in any of the waters under the jurisdiction of the State of Florida, and that we encourage all elected officials at the County, State and Federal levels to join us in our opposition, as well as in our efforts to encourage and assist in the development of alternate sources of energy.

The foregoing Resolution was offered during regular Session of the Barrier Islands Governmental Council of Pinellas County, Florida, sitting on the 30th day of September 2009, by Mayor John Robertson, who moved its adoption; was seconded by Commissioner Terry Hamilton-Wollin; and upon roll call and subsequent passage of the Resolution by the City of Belleair Beach, the vote was:

YEAS:	*11*
NAYS:	*None*
ABSTAINING:	*None*

Mayor James J. Lawrence

ATTEST:

Mayor Nick Simons, Vice President