

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA AND THE FLORIDA KEYS WITHOUT A THIRTY-MILE BUFFER ZONE; REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO OPPOSE PLANS FOR ANY SUCH DRILLING AND EXPLORATION; AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Interior has recently announced a five-year leasing program to conduct lease sales in offshore Gulf waters southwest of the coast of Florida; and

WHEREAS, other proposals may address other portions of the Florida coast and the keys; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Beach are opposed to any offshore oil exploration projects off Florida's coast unless a thirty-mile buffer zone is established and any drilling must occur outside the thirty-mile buffer zone; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Beach recognize the importance of nearshore and offshore regions as a public asset and as a resource needing continued protection; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-mile buffer zone along Florida's coast is essential in preserving and protecting one of Florida's most valuable natural resources and to reduce potential disastrous impacts that could occur due to offshore oil exploration; and

WHEREAS, any oil spill off the Coast of Florida would have severe and long-term impacts on the economy and quality of life of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Bob Martinez, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and many other local organizations and individuals have voiced opposition to the United States Department of Interior's proposal, as presented, for a five-year leasing plan for oil exploration off Florida's West Coast, citing environmental concerns and the importance of preserving the integrity of the coastline and immensely productive bays and estuaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH:

Section 1. The United States Congress is hereby requested to oppose any plans to allow offshore oil exploration and drilling along Florida's coast and the Florida Keys without a thirty-mile buffer zone in order to preserve the area's natural resources and economy for private and public recreation.

Section 2. The United States Congress is requested to give this vital issue its highest priority attention.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida this 15 day of December, 1987.

The motion to adopt the foregoing was offered by:

Councilman Fried

Vice Mayor Tweedle
and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Tobin	<u>aye</u>
Vice Mayor Tweedle	<u>aye</u>
Councilman Duffner	<u>absent</u>
Councilman Fried	<u>aye</u>
Councilman Sorota	<u>absent</u>

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

TOWN ATTORNEY

ATTEST

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK