

**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** April 25, 2006

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution relating to  
protecting Florida's coast  
from offshore oil and gas  
drilling

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Chairman Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Katy Sorenson.



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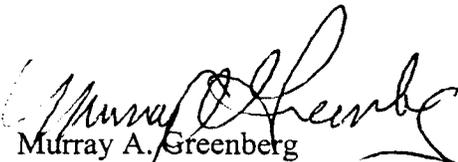


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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

4-25-06

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE U. S. CONGRESS TO ENACT  
THE BIPARTISAN "PERMANENT PROTECTION FOR  
FLORIDA ACT" CO-SPONSORED BY SENATORS MEL  
MARTINEZ AND BILL NELSON TO PROTECT FLORIDA'S  
COAST FROM OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING

**WHEREAS**, Florida's Congressional Delegation has steadfastly opposed efforts to allow oil and gas drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, fearing it could pollute beaches vital to Florida's environment and tourism-related economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's Congressional Delegation was successful last year at defeating legislation that would have allowed oil and gas drilling closer to Florida's shores; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts have increased to open the waters off Florida's coast to oil and gas drilling after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita temporarily disrupted production and shut down refineries, resulting in substantial increases in gas prices; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of the Interior last month drew new Gulf drilling boundary lines that could give the drilling-friendly states of Alabama and Louisiana authority over waters Florida has long claimed; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's coastline is now protected from oil and gas drilling by a patchwork of bans and moratoria, but these moratoria begin to expire in 2007 through 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, a bipartisan bill has been introduced by Florida's Senators, Senator Mel Martinez and Senator Bill Nelson, to address permanently oil and gas drilling off Florida's coast entitled the "Permanent Protection for Florida Act," S. 2239; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permanent Protection for Florida Act would create a permanent no-drill buffer in much of the eastern Gulf of Mexico, keeping oil rigs 260 miles off the west coast of Florida and 150 miles off the panhandle and east coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permanent Protection for Florida Act is supported by major environmental organizations, including the National Outer Continental Shelf Coalition and the Florida Public Interest Research Group (PIRG); and

**WHEREAS**, garnering Governor Jeb Bush's support of the Permanent Protection for Florida Act would be an important factor in passing the bill, but he has not yet taken a position on S. 2239; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permanent Protection for Florida Act is historic legislation that would permanently protect the State of Florida's unique environment and tourist-dependent economy from the threat of offshore drilling,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the U.S. Congress to enact the "Permanent Protection for Florida Act" sponsored by Senators Mel Martinez and Bill Nelson to broaden protections against gas and oil drilling off Florida's coasts.

**Section 2.** Urges Governor Jeb Bush to support the bipartisan "Permanent Protection for Florida Act."

**Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Senator Mel Martinez, Senator Bill Nelson, the remaining members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation, Governor Jeb Bush and the chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

**Section 4.** Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2006 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez, Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty