

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** June 29, 2010

**Consent**       **Regular**  
 **Public Hearing**

**Department:**

**Submitted By:** ADMINISTRATION

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt:** a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, urging the Governor of the State of Florida to convene a Summit for the preservation of Florida's shores and to reaffirm support for a prohibition on Offshore Drilling in Florida.

**Summary:** As of June 16, 2010, an estimated seventy-six millions gallons of oil has poured into the Gulf of Mexico due to the Deepwater Horizon Oil spill disaster. Despite the United States government and British Petroleum efforts to contain and cleanup the spill, Florida is in a precarious position due to its eighteen hundred miles of coastline, including forty-seven miles in Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County is requesting the Governor of the State of Florida convene a Summit for the preservation of Florida's shores. The Summit would include leading science and technology experts to explore ideas and methods for coastal protection; ideas for cleanup response from other oil company leaders; and legal experts to advise the State of Florida on the preservation of its rights and rights of its citizens dealing with this environmental disaster. The Resolution also reaffirms Palm Beach County's position to continue the prohibition of offshore drilling off the coast of Florida. Countywide (DW)

**Background and Justification:** In light of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster, Palm Beach County reaffirms its position to continue the prohibition of offshore drilling off the coast of Florida. Palm Beach County also urges the Governor of the State of Florida to convene a Summit for the preservation of Florida's shores. Sarasota County passed a similar resolution on June 8, 2010 and other counties have sent written recommendations to the Governor's Office.

**Attachment:**

1. Resolution

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**Recommended By:** \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head

Date

**Approved By:**  \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant County Administrator

Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	20_____	20_____	20_____	20_____	20_____
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Budget Account No.: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Object \_\_\_\_\_ Reporting Category \_\_\_\_\_

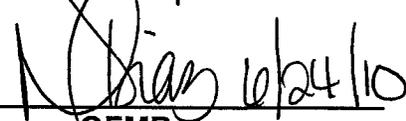
**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:  
 No Fiscal Impact**

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:**

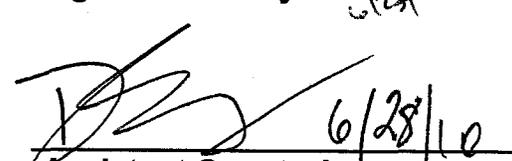
**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

No fiscal impact.

  
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 6/22/10  
 6/24/10

  
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 Contract Dev. and Control

**B. Legal Sufficiency:** SN 6/23/10  
  
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 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**  
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 Department Director

**Resolution No. 2010-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO CONVENE A SUMMIT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF FLORIDA'S SHORES AND TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR A PROHIBITION ON OFFSHORE DRILLING IN FLORIDA.**

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon drilling platform in the western Gulf of Mexico suffered a major explosion and began spilling oil into the Gulf of Mexico on April 22, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, as of June 16, 2010, an estimated seventy-six million gallons of oil has poured into the Gulf of Mexico making this the worst disaster, either manmade or natural, to ever occur within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the response of the United States Government has been organized pursuant to the Oil Pollution Act of 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, despite efforts by the United States Government, including the establishment on June 16, 2010 of a British Petroleum (BP) damages/claims fund of twenty billion dollars; the creation by Executive Order 13543 of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling to research how the oil and gas industry operates and is regulated; and the authorization to deploy seventeen thousand five hundred National Guard troops, thirty one thousand personnel on the ground protecting shorelines and more than six thousand vessels responding to the containment and cleanup efforts, Florida is in a more precarious position due to its eighteen hundred miles of coastline and dependence on tourism and requires an even larger response to protect the State; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County, Florida has forty seven miles of coastline, one hundred miles of freshwater canals, rivers and lakes, four inlets, more than twenty five artificial

reefs off the coast of our beaches, the Lake Worth Lagoon and fourteen other major estuarine and freshwater enhancement projects within our waterways that need to be protected; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County, Florida has a two billion dollar tourism industry that is being threatened by the oil spill due to our extreme proximity to the Gulf Stream currents; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County, Florida passed Resolution 2006-0622 affirming the County's opposition to offshore oil drilling.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

1. The Governor of the State of Florida is hereby requested to convene a Summit for the Preservation of Florida's Shores and that such a summit would include:
  - a. The leading science and technology experts to explore new ideas and methods for coastal protection and clean up technologies, engaging these experts in the response to the BP oil spill; and
  - b. The corporate leaders of other oil companies to advise and inform the Governor on their perspective and ideas for cleanup response; and
  - c. Leading legal experts to advise the State of Florida on the preservation of its rights and the rights of its citizens dealing with this catastrophic environmental disaster.
2. The outcome of the Summit would result in the creation of a Protection and Restoration Program to assure the recovery of Florida's natural resources and tourism economy, a funding strategy for such a program, and a possible call to action to the federal government.

3. Palm Beach County reaffirm its position to continue the prohibition of offshore drilling off the coast of Florida, especially in light of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster.
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Florida, the Florida Association of Counties, the Chairman of County Commissions of affected counties and the Palm Beach County congressional and legislative delegations.

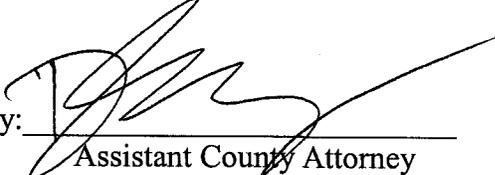
The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Chairman	-	___
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, Vice Chair	-	___
Commissioner Jeff Koons	-	___
Commissioner Shelley Vana	-	___
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams	-	___
Commissioner Jess Santamaria	-	___
Commissioner Priscilla Taylor	-	___

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

Approved as to Form  
And Legal Sufficiency

Palm Beach County, Florida by its  
Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Assistant County Attorney

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

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