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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A MORATORIUM ON
OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE GULF COAST OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, President George Bush recently imposed a moratorium on oil and gas development off the coast of Florida south of Naples (26 degrees latitude); and

WHEREAS, the fragile coastline along the Tampa Bay region continues to remain vulnerable to oil and gas exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, the communities of the Tampa Bay region are concerned for the fishing and tourist concerns but also for preserving irreplaceable environmental resources; and


WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, is strongly committed to the wise management of the coastline to ensure for all residents that the environmental, recreational and economic value of the coastal zone will be sustained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that this Board strongly urges President Bush and the U.S. Department of the Interior to create a 30-mile buffer zone along the Gulf coast of Florida where oil and gas exploration and development would be prohibited.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President, the Manatee County Legislative Delegation and all Manatee County municipalities to seek similar support.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 2nd day of October, 1990.

ATTEST: R. B. Shore
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: 

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Patricia M. Glass, Chairman
10/2/90