

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-24**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE LIFTING OF THE BAN ON OIL DRILLING WITHIN TEN MILES OF THE SHORELINE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Florida, as a peninsular state, has a delicately balanced ecological system of aquatic life, wildlife, coral reefs, wetlands, bays, estuaries and marshes; and

**WHEREAS**, preservation and conservation of Florida's natural resources are critical to its environmental and economic future; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore oil and gas drilling and associated pipeline construction and installation near any Florida shore may cause significant damage to aquatic life, wildlife, sea grasses, coral reefs, mangroves, beaches and wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Venice recognizes the importance of near shore and offshore regions as a public asset and as a resource needing protection; and

**WHEREAS**, any oil or gas 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**, the potential for an oil or gas spill is significant and the damage therefrom to the beaches, coastal wetlands and salt marshes of the City of Venice and surrounding communities could be catastrophic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA**, as follows:

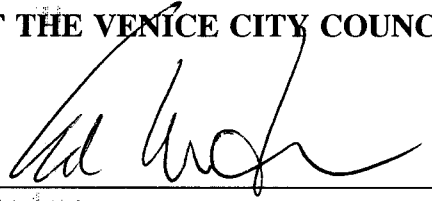
**SECTION 1.** A buffer zone along Florida's coast is essential in preserving and protecting one of Florida's most valuable natural resources and to reduce potential disastrous impacts that could occur due to offshore oil and gas exploration.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council of the City of Venice opposes the lifting of the ban on oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico within ten miles of the shoreline.

**SECTION 3.** That upon approval and adoption, the City Clerk is hereby directed to provide copies of this Resolution to the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of Florida, the United States Department of the Interior, and the President of the United States.

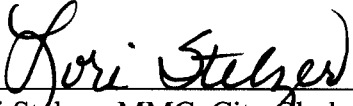
**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2009.**



Ed Martin, Mayor

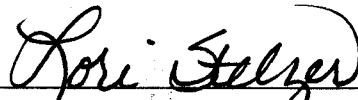
ATTEST



Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, **LORI STELZER**, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of said City at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 13th day of October 2009, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said City this 14th day of October 2009.



Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

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