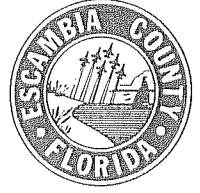


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The Honorable Charlie Crist  
Governor,  
PL 05 Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist:

Attached please find a resolution passed by our Board of County Commissioners on April 28, 2010, that requests all resources you have available to avert the adverse potential that the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico will create for our waters, beaches, environmental resources and economy. The Board is extremely concerned about this threat and has passed this resolution with the hopes that every effort will be made to help protect our resources.

The potential economic impact of this could be devastating to our community. We have an opportunity to minimize the impact to our community now with action from you. We sincerely plead for your assistance in reprioritizing our beaches in importance and taking every measure available to protect them.

If you have any ideas about how Escambia County can contribute to the efforts to control this disaster, please let us know. Our resources and citizens are available to work with you.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grover C. Robinson, IV".

Grover C. Robinson, IV  
Chairman  
Escambia County Board of Commissioners

4/29/2010

RESOLUTION NUMBER R2010 - 74

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE OIL SPILL IN THE GULF OF MEXICO; REQUESTING ANY AND ALL RESOURCES AS CAN BE PROVIDED TO ESCAMBIA COUNTY BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico while performing drilling operations for BP; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig sank in the Gulf of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, this disaster has resulted in multiple injuries and anticipated loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the oil rig site continues to leak emulsified oil and thick crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico at significant quantities each day; and

**WHEREAS**, this leakage threatens to become a major environmental disaster in the northern Gulf of Mexico area; and

**WHEREAS**, the spill could pose substantial damage to the ecosystems as well as the marine and land animal populations in the impacted areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Escambia County, Florida faces the potential of serious losses to its environmental resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Escambia County's economy faces the possibility of incalculable losses due to the oil spill as it could impact tourism, property values, the recreational and commercial seafood industries, recreational opportunities, marinas and boating, restaurants, the quality of life for residents and visitors to Escambia County and in numerous other facets of the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Escambia County and the Santa Rosa Island Authority could also lose tourist development tax revenues, property tax revenues and toll revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Escambia County needs assistance in preventing this potential economic impact of this disaster, including any preventative measures or any clean up; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) of 1990 (33 U.S.C. §2701, et seq.), the Pollutant Discharge Prevention and Control Act (§§ 376.011 through 376.21, Fla. Stat.),

Date: 4/29/2010 Verified By: R. Carver

as well as other state and federal laws, anticipate the availability of funds and resources for responses to oil spills; and

**WHEREAS**, this issue poses a potential significant health, safety and welfare risk to those who live, work or visit Escambia County, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.**

The above recitals are hereby adopted.

**SECTION 2. REQUEST FOR RESOURCES TO PROTECT AND ASSIST ESCAMBIA COUNTY.**

The Board of County Commissioners resolves that the oil spill requires immediate planning and response and requests that the State of Florida and the Federal Government provide any and all possible resources to Escambia County for the efforts to protect and assist the County.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

**SECTION 4. FORWARD COPY OF RESOLUTION.**

That the Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to U. S. Senators George LeMieux and Bill Nelson; Congressman Jeff Miller; Governor Charlie Crist; and State Representatives Don Gaetz, Durell Peaden, Greg Evers, Clay Ford, and Dave Murzin.

ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2010.

Date Executed

4/28/2010

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Grover C. Robinson, IV  
Grover C. Robinson, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: Ernie Lee Magaha  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Ernie Lee Magaha  
Deputy Clerk

This document approved as to form  
and legal sufficiency

By [Signature]  
Title County Attorney  
Date 4/28/10

