

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE INCLUSION OF NEW OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA IN THE 2024–2029 NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lamar P. Fisher)

WHEREAS, the economy of Broward County (“County”) depends heavily on a healthy coastal and marine environment, supporting industries such as tourism, recreation, commercial and recreational fishing, and related small businesses;

WHEREAS, clean water, thriving ecosystems, and an attractive coastal environment benefit property values, local businesses, and the quality of life for residents and visitors alike;

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas exploration, development, and drilling carry inherent risks, including oil spills and leaks, habitat destruction, and pollution, which could cause significant, long-term harm to our coastal economy, natural resources, and way of life;

20 WHEREAS, even the perception of environmental risk associated with offshore
21 drilling can negatively impact tourism, investment, and business development in coastal
22 areas;

23 WHEREAS, the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM") is
24 developing the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program and
25 has requested public input on whether to include new offshore leasing areas; and

26 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") prioritizes the
27 protection of our coastal environment and our local economy, and believes the long-term
28 well-being of our community outweighs the short-term benefits that expanded offshore
29 drilling might offer, NOW, THEREFORE,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
31 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

32 Section 1. The Board opposes the inclusion of any new offshore oil and gas
33 leasing off the coast of Florida in BOEM's 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and
34 Gas Leasing Program.

35 Section 2. The Board urges BOEM to prioritize the protection of coastal
36 economies, communities, and ecosystems by excluding new offshore oil and gas leases
37 off the coast of Florida from the final leasing program.

38 Section 3. The Board urges the federal congressional representatives of
39 Broward County to oppose efforts to expand offshore drilling off the coast of Florida and
40 to support policies that protect our oceans, coasts, and the industries and communities
41 that depend on them.

Section 4. The Board directs the County Administrator to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to BOEM, the federal legislators representing Broward County, and the Broward County Legislative Delegation.

Section 5. Severability.

If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this day of , 2025. **PROPOSED**

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

By: /s/ Benjamin D. Crego 06/03/2025
Benjamin D. Crego (date)
Senior Assistant County Attorney

By: /s/ René D. Harrod 06/03/2025
René D. Harrod (date)
Chief Deputy County Attorney