

1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. _____**

3 **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROTECTION OF OUR OCEAN AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE**
4 **DRILLING AND FRACKING**

5 **WHEREAS**, the County of Lake values our state’s ocean and coastal waters, which provide
6 habitat to a vast array of wildlife, including fish, whales, sea turtles and birds that depend upon a healthy
7 and clean environment; and

8 **WHEREAS**, our County’s residents and visitors enjoy California’s ocean and beaches for
9 recreational activities, and recognize their import to coastal economies; and

10 **WHEREAS**, oil well stimulation techniques increase pollution, and up to nine billion gallons of
11 wastewater related to offshore drilling and fracking are pumped into the Pacific every year; and

12 **WHEREAS**, offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific coast place these coastal
13 resources, and the communities and industries that depend upon them, at risk of oil spills and other
14 damage; and

15 **WHEREAS**, catastrophic events such as the Santa Barbara oil spill of 1969 and burst pipeline
16 of 2015 have devastated California coastal waters, and State waters off of the California coast have
17 been off-limits to new oil drilling since 1969, due to the unacceptably high environmental risk; and

18 **WHEREAS**, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted off of the California
19 coast since 1984; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Senate, the State Lands
21 Commission and numerous cities have called for no new federal offshore leases in the Pacific Ocean,
22 and several municipalities have called for limits to onshore fracking, including Marin, Alameda, Santa
23 Cruz, San Benito and Butte and the City and County of San Francisco; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the County of Lake opposes expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking and
25 other well stimulation techniques that threaten coastal stakeholders, marine wildlife, human health and
26 the climate; and

27 **WHEREAS**, expanding offshore drilling, fracking and other well stimulation off the California
28 coast will deepen our state’s dependence upon fossil fuels, undermining efforts by the State Legislature
29 and municipalities to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving
30 toward renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump’s Executive Order 13795, “Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy,” could open these regions to new drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation, putting California’s coastal resources at risk of more oil spills and potentially exacerbating the rate of global climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake resolves as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, that the County of Lake supports: (1) a ban on new drilling, fracking and other well stimulation in federal and state waters off the California coast; (2) a prohibition of any new federal oil and gas leases in the Pacific, Atlantic or Arctic oceans and the eastern Gulf of Mexico, areas currently protected from new leases; and (3) a phase-out of oil and gas extraction off of the California coast that impairs our State’s efforts to combat climate change.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake at a regular meeting thereof on the _____ day of _____, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANITA L. GRANT
County Counsel
