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2 ALACHUA COUNTY  
3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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5 **RESOLUTION 2015-**  
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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
8 COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
9 SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION PROVIDING A  
10 STATEWIDE BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID  
11 FRACTURING, AND WELL STIMULATION PERFORMED FOR  
12 THE PURPOSES OF EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF OIL  
13 OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING  
14 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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17 WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may involve the use of hundreds of chemicals,  
18 some of which are known to be carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to human health; and

19 WHEREAS, exposure to the chemicals used in well stimulation treatments may pose a  
20 widespread and significant risk to public health and safety and the environment; and

21 WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may involve the use of substantial amounts of  
22 freshwater at a time when many Florida municipalities are struggling with the impacts that water  
23 scarcity may have in the state in the near future; and

24 WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of  
25 Florida's water supplies and water resources for generations to come; and

26 WHEREAS, protection of Florida's water supplies and resources is better accomplished  
27 by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean  
28 up contamination and restore degraded environments after the fact;

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
30 COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- 31 1. That the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners supports a statewide

1 ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and well stimulation treatments performed  
2 for the purposes of exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida due to  
3 the potential harmful impacts on the environment and natural resources of Alachua County.

4 2. That the Board of County Commissioners will send a letter to the Florida  
5 Legislature and the Governor of the State of Florida showing its support for a statewide ban on  
6 hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and well stimulation performed for the purposes of  
7 exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the State of Florida.

8 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

9 DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. Irby, Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Alachua County Attorney