A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION PROVIDING A STATEWIDE BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND WELL STIMULATION PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may involve the use of hundreds of chemicals, some of which are known to be carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to human health; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this ______ day of ____________________, 2015.