RESOLUTION NO.____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAY COUNTY FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES POSITION REGARDING LEGISLATION ON HYDRAULIC FRACKING.

WHEREAS, the membership of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) recently adopted policies regarding proposed state legislation regarding hydraulic fracturing (fracking); and

WHEREAS, the Bay County Board of County Commissioners has determined that it would be in the best interests of the citizens of Bay County and would protect the environment of Bay County to endorse FAC's policies on fracking.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAY COUNTY:

1. OPPOSES a state preemption of fracking activities -- especially the siting of wells within sensitive areas -- and ancillary activities such as waste storage, handling and disposal, truck traffic and other local public health and safety impacts;
2. OPPOSES any state legislation which would create a public records law exemption for proprietary information provided by drilling companies to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the department’s online chemical disclosure registry;
3. SUPPORTS a moratorium on all new well stimulation activities, including hydraulic fracturing and acidization, until an independent and comprehensive Florida-specific study has been completed and peer reviewed.
4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Bay County Board of County Commissioners this 1st day of December 2015.

BAY COUNTY

Mike Nelson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Bill Kinsaul, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

County Attorney