A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA 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 FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners takes great pride in supporting the highest quality of life among Escambia County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners is dedicated to protecting and improving our most precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Escambia County currently has eight active Superfund Sites which are the known source of chemical contaminants in groundwater; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, also known as well stimulation, may involve the use of hundreds of chemicals, some of which are known to be carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to human beings; and

WHEREAS, exposure to the chemicals used in well stimulation treatments may pose a widespread and significant risk to public health and the State of Florida's most precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may involve the use of a substantial amount of fresh water at a time when many Florida local governments are struggling with the impacts that water scarcity may have in the state in the near future; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may result in emissions of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide and methane, all of which would further exacerbate climate change and its impact to Florida's economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, the high-pressure injection used to fracture may result in fracturing rock formations beyond the extraction site, potentially allowing harmful chemicals to migrate into the aquifer; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing may harm wildlife, including species that are protected under federal and state endangered species laws; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of such practices will help protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the state, today and for future generations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board of County Commissioners finds the above recitals to be true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.
Section 2. That the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners, without a better understanding and study on the impacts on citizens, water, and geology within the State of Florida, supports proposed legislation on a statewide ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and well stimulation treatments performed for the purposes of exploration and production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida due to the potential harmful impacts on the public health, environment and natural resources of Escambia County.

Section 3. That the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners hereby directs the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the following:

Governor Rick Scott  
State of Florida  
The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Senate President  
Senator Andy Gardiner  
The Florida Senate  
409 The Capitol, 404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Speaker of the House  
Representative Steve Crisafulli  
Capitol Office, 420 The Capitol  
402 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Escambia County Legislative Delegation  
Senator Greg Evers  
Representative Clay Ingram, Chair  
Representative Mike Hill  
11000 University Parkway  
Pensacola, Florida 32514

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of August 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Steven Barry, Chairman

Date Executed 8/25/2015

ATTEST: Pam Childers  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By  
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By/Title:  
Date:  

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL  
PAM CHILDERS  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY:  
DATE: August 24, 2015