

RESOLUTION NO. 15-003

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

WHEREAS, well stimulation such as hydraulic and acid fracturing (fracking and acidification) involve the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, fracturing, gas production and delivery, well maintenance, and work over operations; and

WHEREAS, fracturing of underground geologic formations is accomplished by injecting a complex mix of fluids and chemicals under very high pressure to create fractures in gas bearing geologic formations; and the water used is contaminated forever; and

WHEREAS, each fracturing uses 30,000 up to 13 million gallons of water and each well and can be fractured over 13 times; and

WHEREAS, well stimulation permanently pollutes millions of gallons of water with the chemicals used in fracking and acidizing and with the radioactive materials and heavy metals in the flow back; and

WHEREAS, many of the chemical constituents injected during fracturing have documented adverse health effects and/or adverse environmental impacts, for example, 60% of those chemicals can harm the brain and nervous system, 30% are suspected carcinogens, and 30% are developmental toxicants; and

WHEREAS, wastewater from fracking can contain radioactive elements and has been discharged into rivers that supply drinking water for millions; and

WHEREAS, use of these well stimulation fracturing chemical mixtures expose adjacent land and surface waters to the risk of contamination through open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and activities during well development; and

WHEREAS, pollution of water caused by well stimulation and fracking threatens the long term economic well-being of communities, as businesses and consumers depend on clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas industry is not required by federal law to publicly disclose chemical formulas of well stimulation and fracturing fluids so that this information is publicly unavailable for health and safety purposes; and

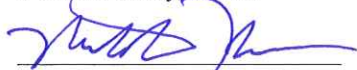
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners supports a statewide ban on hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and any form of extreme well stimulation and resource extraction; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will send a copy of the approved resolution to our state legislators and the Governor of the State of Florida.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this 7th day of July, 2015.

Attest:

Gadsden County, Florida


Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Court



**GADSDEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**


Brenda A. Holt, Chairman, District 1