RESOLUTION 2015 - 02

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION (SB 166 and HB 169) 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 generation 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 HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. That the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners support 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 Hamilton County.
2. That the Clerk for this Board of County Commissioners shall furnish a copies of this Resolution to the Governor and Florida Legislative Delegation for Hamilton County as soon as reasonably possible.

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

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this 3rd day of March 2015.

Attest: 

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Chairman, Josh B. Smith

Clerk, Greg Godwin

Commissioner, Randy Ogburn

Commissioner, Harry D. Oxendine

Commissioner, Robert E. Brown

Commissioner, Beth Burnam

STATE OF FLORIDA 
HAMILTON COUNTY
I, GREG GOWIN, Clerk of Courts in and for Hamilton County, Fla. DO HEREBY CERTIFY the within and foregoing is a True and Correct copy of the original as it appears among the files and records in the office of the Clerk of Courts of Hamilton County, Fla.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 3rd Day of March, A.D. 2015.

Greg Godwin – Clerk of Courts
Hamilton County, Florida

By: D.C.