RESOLUTION NO. 1958-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING EXTREME METHODS OF OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION, INCLUDING HYDRAULIC AND ACIDIC FRACTURING OR “FRACKING” WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND ITS ADJACENT WATERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville Beach is composed of a large section of waterfront property and is a low-lying coastal community; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s aquifer is already compromised from its overuse and polluted by continued runoff; and

WHEREAS, the limestone layer covering much of the aquifer has proven vulnerable to the sinkhole activity; and

WHEREAS, the potential for a damaging event to the aquifer and limestone layer could prove to be beyond the ability to mitigate no matter how great or small the risk of occurrence of such an event; and

WHEREAS, such events could affect water and land far outside the confines of the area permitted for hydraulic and acidic fracturing, or “fracking” other extreme methods of oil and gas extraction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council and the City of Jacksonville Beach formally declares its opposition to hydraulic and acidic fracturing or “fracking,” or other extreme methods of oil and gas extraction anywhere within the State of Florida or in the waters adjacent to the State.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Jacksonville Beach requests that no State
agency issue permits for such purpose, and urge the Legislators of the State of Florida to pass legislation prohibiting hydraulic and acidic fracturing, or other extreme methods of oil and gas extraction. This includes the disposal of related materials and by-products, anywhere within the State of Florida, or in the waters adjacent to the State, and allocate sufficient appropriations to ensure success of the legislation.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Jacksonville Beach further requests the Governor of the State of Florida to sign such legislation.

ADOPTED in Regular Session of the City Council for the City of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, this 4th day of April, 2016.

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William C. Latham , MAYOR

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Laurie Scott, CITY CLERK