RESOLUTION NO. 2015-081815-02

A Resolution of the County Commission of
Jefferson County, Florida, Supporting a Statewide Ban on
Hydraulic Fracturing, Acid Fracturing and any form of
Extreme Well Stimulation or Resource Extraction in Florida

WHEREAS, extreme well stimulation such as hydraulic and acid fracturing
(fracking and acidification) involves 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 often
accomplished by injecting a complex mix of fluids and chemicals, including large
volumes of water, on average 4.5 million gallons per well, under very high pressure to
create fractures in gas bearing geologic formations; and the water used is contaminated
forever; 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, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection,
the state’s surface and ground water resources are intimately connected and support
drinking water supplies, agriculture, industry, wildlife habitat and a thriving recreation-
based economy; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than a 1,000 documented cases of water
contamination near fracking sites; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of
Florida’s water supplies and water resources for generations 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 cleaning up contamination and restoring degraded environments
after the fact;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 18th day of August, 2015, the County Commission of Jefferson County, Florida 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 County Commission of Jefferson County, Florida, will send a letter to our state legislators and the Governor of the State of Florida calling for a ban on fracking and for them to introduce and/or support a legislative bill prohibiting all forms of extreme well stimulation and resource extraction,

ADOPTED by the County Commission of Jefferson County, Florida, this 18th day of August, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Benny Bishop
   Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Kirk Reams
   Clerk of Courts