

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. -13-13

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A STATE MORATORIUM ON  
HIGH-VOLUME HORIZONTAL HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

**WHEREAS**, the process of high-volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing is a relatively new method of extracting oil or natural gas from underground formations;

**WHEREAS**, the current laws of Illinois may be inadequate to protect the health and safety of the residents of Johnson County and its environment from the risks of serious adverse effects associated with high-volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing, including air pollution, soil contamination, and contamination of water supplies.

**WHEREAS**, high-volume hydraulic fracturing has been exempted from key provisions of major federal environmental laws, including the Clean Drinking Water Act, The Clean Water Act, The Clean Air Act, The Superfund Law, and The Toxic Release Inventory and has also been exempted from provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the procedure known as forced pooling can create inequitable intrusions on the rights of property owners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS**

**SECTION 1:** Johnson County expresses its support for legislation by the Illinois General Assembly to enact a moratorium on high-volume horizontal fracturing until such time as the process can be studied and the health and safety and property rights of the residents of Johnson County and the State of Illinois can be ensured and the environment protected. Specifically, Johnson County expresses its support for bills pending in the 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, currently designated as House Bill 3086 and Senate Bill 1418, that would establish a two-year moratorium and create a Task Force to report to the legislature.

**SECTION 2:** This resolution shall be sent to Illinois State officials, including the State Senators and Representatives who represent our County, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Illinois Governor and Lt. Governor; the Illinois Attorney General, and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

**SECTION 3:** That the County Clerk for the County of Johnson is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary, reasonable, or proper to carry out the intents and purposes of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4:** This Resolution shall be included in the minutes of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners and shall be identified as Resolution No. 2013-\_\_\_\_\_.

Passed this 20 day of May, 2013.

  
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County Board Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk