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3 RESOLUTION NO. 02-2016 OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA,
4 SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE PROHIBITION ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING,
5 ACID FRACTURING, AND SIMILAR HIGH PRESSURE WELL STIMULATION
6 PRACTICES PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORATION AND
7 PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
8 AND SUPPORTING LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION;
9 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, and similar high
13 pressure well stimulation practices, commonly called fracking, are methods of
14 extracting underground oil and natural gas resources; and

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16 WHEREAS, fracking typically involves the pumping or injection of
17 millions of gallons of water mixed with sand and chemicals into the ground at
18 high pressure to fracture rock under the surface of the ground in the vicinity of
19 an extraction well; and

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21 WHEREAS, most of Florida's water supply comes from highly permeable
22 limestone formations which are vulnerable to contamination from fracking and
23 any other activity which introduces potentially harmful substances into
24 subsurface aquifers; and

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26 WHEREAS, Florida's oil and gas regulations found in Chapter 377,
27 Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rules 62C-25 thru 30 makes
28 no reference to hydraulic fracturing or fracking; and

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30 WHEREAS, in December 2013, high pressure acid fracturing was
31 utilized by a Texas-based oil drilling company in Collier County prompting the
32 Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to issue a cease and
33 desist order, revoke the company's drilling permits, and issue a \$25,000 fine;
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36 WHEREAS, DEP has installed a series of groundwater wells in the
37 vicinity of the Collier County fracking well to monitor for contamination; and

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39 WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health, in an extensive
40 study of high volume hydraulic fracturing released in December 2014, found
41 that there were significant uncertainties about the kinds of adverse health
42 outcomes that may be associated with hydraulic fracturing, the likelihood of the
43 occurrence of adverse health outcomes, and the effectiveness of some of the
44 mitigation measures in reducing or preventing environmental impacts which
45 could affect public health; and

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47 WHEREAS, there is legislation pending in the State of Florida that would
48 provide a statewide prohibition on fracking as well as legislation that provides
49 additional regulation and permitting requirements; and

51 WHEREAS, the Lake Worth City Commission has consistently
52 maintained policies and programs for the protection of public health and natural
53 resources including drinking water supplies, conservation lands, and other local
54 and state resources; and

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56 WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that without
57 compelling scientific evidence of the safety of fracking in the State of Florida, it
58 is in the best interest of the City of Lake Worth to support a statewide ban on
59 these activities.

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61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF
62 LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA, that:

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64 SECTION 1: The City of Lake Worth supports a statewide ban on hydraulic
65 fracturing, acid fracturing, and similar high pressure well stimulation practices
66 more commonly known as fracking, and support legislation providing for same.

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68 SECTION 2: A copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the
69 State of Florida, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida
70 House of Representatives, the Chair and members of the Palm Beach County
71 Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of
72 Environmental Protection.

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74 SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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76 The passage of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner _____,
77 seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was
78 as follows:

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80 Mayor Pam Triolo
81 Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell
82 Commissioner Christopher McVoy
83 Commissioner Andy Amoroso
84 Commissioner Ryan Maier

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86 Mayor Pam Triolo thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and
87 adopted on the 5th day of January, 2016.

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89 LAKE WORTH CITY COMMISSION

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92 By: _____
93 Pam Triolo, Mayor

94 ATTEST:
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97 Pamela J. Lopez, City Clerk