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

WHEREAS, wastewater from fracking can contain radioactive elements and has been discharged into rivers that
supply drinking water for millions, according to the New York Times; and

WHEREAS, use of these well stimulation fracturing mixes exposed adjacent land and surface waters to the risk of
contamination through open pit storage, truck transport on roadways, and activities during well development; and

WHEREAS, the pollution of water caused by well stimulation and fracking 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 so that 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 15 day of January, 2015, the Leon Soil and
Water Conservation District 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 Leon Soil and Water Conservation District 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,

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this 15 day of January, 2015.

ATTEST:

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