RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 03– 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING PROPOSED
LEGISLATION PROVIDING A STATEWIDE BAN ON HYDRAULIC
FRACTURING, ACID FRACTURING, AND WELL STIMULATION
PERFORMED FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPLORATION OR
PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF
FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFICTING
RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Madison County (hereinafter the “County”) is a non-charter county
as that term is used in Article VIII, Section 1(f), Florida Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the County is given its home rule powers by the Florida Constitution,
Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, and other provisions of Florida Law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County, (hereinafter the
“Board”) is the governing body of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is charged generally with safeguarding the health, safety
and welfare of the residents of the County; and,

WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may involve the use of hundreds of
chemicals, some of which are known to be carcinogenic or could otherwise be harmful to
human health; and

WHEREAS, exposure to the chemicals used in well stimulation treatments may
pose a widespread and significant risk to public health and safety and the environment;
and

WHEREAS, well stimulation treatments may involve the use of substantial
amounts of freshwater at a time when many Florida municipalities are struggling with the
impacts that water scarcity may have in the state in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of
Florida’s water supplies and water resources for generations to come; and

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WHEREAS, protection of Florida’s water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restore degraded environments after the fact.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this resolution as if restated herein and constitute the legislative findings and intent of the Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter the “Board”) of Madison County, Florida (hereinafter the “County”).

2. The Board supports a statewide ban on the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and well stimulation treatments performed for the purposes of exploration or production of oil or natural gas in the State of Florida due to the potential harmful impacts on the environment and natural resources of the County.

3. The clerk is authorized and directed to send to the Governor of the State of Florida and each member of the County’s legislative delegation a certified copy of this resolution to show the Board’s support for a statewide ban on hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and well stimulation performed for the purposes of exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the State of Florida.

4. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

RESOLVED upon due motion, second, after discussion, by majority vote this 11th day of March, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Ronnie Moore
Chair

ATTEST: Tim Sanders
Clerk