

RESOLUTION NO. R16-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSING ITS OPPOSITION IN PART  
TO SENATE BILL 318 AND HOUSE BILL 191 REGARDING OIL AND GAS  
REGULATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon a motion by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by  
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, the following Resolution was adopted by a vote  
of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, with Commissioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
voting "No" and Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ being absent.

WHEREAS, a form of oil and gas extraction known as fracturing, well stimulation, or fracking occurs in the State of Florida with minimal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is currently considering two similar bills, House Bill 191 and Senate Bill 318, entitled "Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources;" and

WHEREAS, the bills direct the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to create a permitting program for fracking; and

WHEREAS, a well-crafted permitting program could be protective of the natural resources of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, however the bills preempt local governments from regulating all facets of oil and gas extraction and exploration, including fracking; and

WHEREAS, the bills state that the DEP may not disclose chemicals used in the fracking process that are deemed trade secrets; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to express its concern for the bills' impact on home rule authority for local governments and the public's ability to discover what chemicals are being pumped underground during the fracking process.

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

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby requests that the Florida Legislature amend or remove the preemption language and the trade secret language in HB 191, SB 318, and any other bills regarding the Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

I, Pat Frank, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 as the same appears of record in Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

PAT FRANK  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form  
and legal sufficiency

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Assistant County Attorney