

RESOLUTION 87-142

SUPPORTING THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S POSITION REGARDING
THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIORS "PROPOSED FINAL 5-YEAR OUTER
CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM 1987-1992"

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior (DOI) has issued the Proposed Final 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program 1987-1992, which includes the South Atlantic Planning Area; and,

WHEREAS, St. Johns County, Florida, is a coastal county which includes inlets, an extensive system of estuaries, coastal tributaries and related marine life; and,

WHEREAS, St. Johns County's economic well being, natural beauty, and quality of life are linked to marine and coastal resources; and,

WHEREAS, these fragile resources would be extremely vulnerable to pollution from offshore oil and gas activities; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has recommended that the 15 mile South Atlantic Nearshore Buffer off the Northeast Florida coast be ~~differed~~^{deferred} until further studies determine whether it is adequate to protect nearshore and coastal resources; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 14th day of July, 1987, that the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners support the position of the State of Florida regarding offshore oil and gas leasing in the South Atlantic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: Phyllis L. Lydon
Its Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

By: Cheryl Kent
Deputy Clerk