

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2021-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA URGING THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT TO REVOKE OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING EXPLORATION LICENSES AND PERMANENTLY BAN OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES IN THE BAHAMAS

**WHEREAS**, the Bahamas Petroleum Company (“BPC”) has been granted an offshore oil drilling exploration license by the Bahamian government that allows them to construct offshore oil drilling wells 150 miles off the coast of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources by BPC poses a significant risk of oil spills and chronic leakage that impact the Bahamas and coastal communities in the Caribbean and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore drilling activities pose threats to vacation destinations in the Caribbean and along Florida’s coasts, which provide economic value for numerous industries, essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables is one of numerous coastal communities in Florida and the Caribbean whose marine habitats, industries, and public health could be devastated by offshore drilling oil spill originating in the Bahamas; and

**WHEREAS**, in Resolution 2018-235 the City Commission expressed its opposition to offshore drilling and exploration activities in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the City endeavors to protect the environmental health of all marine habitats in the Caribbean and the Atlantic, and particularly, off the coast of the City and Biscayne Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, exploration and development of oil and gas resources off the coast of Florida may not effectively address the long-term economic diversification goals of the Bahamas, and would likely substantially damage the tourism sector of the Bahamian economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City urges the Bahamian government to revoke BPC’s offshore oil drilling exploration license and permanently ban offshore oil drilling activities in the Bahamas, and further urges Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida to oppose such offshore oil drilling and work with the Bahamian government in such efforts.



LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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