

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-~~37~~³⁷

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA WHICH SUPPORTS CONGRESSIONAL INTENT THAT FINES DERIVED FROM A SETTLEMENT RELATED TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE GULF'S ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY UNDER THE LOCAL INPUT AND CONTROL GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2012 President Obama signed in to law the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies (RESTORE) of the Gulf Coast Act.

WHEREAS, in passing and signing into law the RESTORE Act, Congress and the President recognized the significant environmental and economic impacts brought upon the Gulf Region in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

WHEREAS, the RESTORE Act gives communities harmed by the spill flexibility in determining how to use funds granted to them through Clean Water Act penalties.

WHEREAS, we have learned that federal officials are discussing a settlement agreement with BP that would direct penalties under the Oil Pollution Act through a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), reducing the amount paid in civil penalties for violating the Clean Water Act and undermining Congressional intent and our recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County Florida supports full implementation of the RESTORE Act, opposes any effort to undermine Congress's direction to distribute the majority of penalties paid by those responsible for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill back to Gulf communities, and directs that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the following: the President of the United States, the Department of Justice/Attorney General, the Senators from each of the five affected states, the Congressmen from the coastal districts of each of the five affected states, the Boards of Commissioners/Supervisors of the Gulf counties and the parishes of the five affected states.

ADOPTED THIS ^{25TH}~~23RD~~ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Karen Senn*
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WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, III, CHAIRMAN