

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018- \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO BAN FRACKING STATEWIDE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, fracking is a drilling technique that sends millions of gallons of water, sand, and chemicals deep underground to break or dissolve rock in order to release oil and gas; and

**WHEREAS**, fracking requires several million gallons of freshwater for each well and may pose a major threat to our water quality and availability as the Aquifer does not have enough water to spare for the massive amount of water needed to frack; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Key Biscayne (the “Village”) urges the Florida Legislature to adopt a statewide ban on fracking to protect the State’s natural beauty and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council authorizes the execution of the letter, attached as Exhibit “A,” which provides support for banning fracking statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.     Recitals Adopted.** That each of the recitals stated above are hereby adopted, approved, and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2.     Urging A Statewide Fracking Ban.** That the Village Council urges the Florida Legislature to adopt and enact a ban on fracking statewide.

**Section 3.     Authorization.** That the Village Council authorizes the Mayor and Council to execute the letter, attached as Exhibit “A,” to the Resolution.

**Section 4.**     **Transmittal.** That the Village Council hereby directs the Village Clerk to transmit this Resolution to Governor Rick Scott, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

**Section 5.**     **Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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MAYOR MAYRA PEÑA LINDSAY

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER MEDINA, CMC  
VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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VILLAGE ATTORNEY

# Miami-Dade Local Elected Officials Support Banning Fracking Statewide

Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation,

We, city and county elected officials in Miami-Dade, write to urge you to support a ban on fracking in Florida. Fracking and the associated chemicals used pose unacceptable risks to the health of Florida families, tourists, our environment and economy.

Fracking is a risky drilling technique that sends millions of gallons of water, sand, and a mixture of dangerous and often carcinogenic chemicals deep underground to break or dissolve rock to release oil and gas. Fracking presents many concerns related to water contamination, serious public health issues, and water quantities.

Several million South Floridians depend on the Biscayne Aquifer as the main source of drinking water. And with pollution and saltwater intrusion becoming more and more frequent, county officials are already scrambling to protect our aquifer. Fracking requires several million gallons of freshwater for each well and is a major threat to water quality and availability in Florida. Our aquifer simply doesn't have enough water to spare for the massive amount of water needed to frack.

Despite growing concerns, the oil industry is pushing to drill for oil near the Miami-Dade border, 6 miles west of Miramar. Without a statewide fracking ban, there are few protections in place to stop those conventional drilling wells from turning into fracking wells. The industry has already fracked in Collier County, where there is existing conventional drilling.

Miami-Dade is a major tourist destination for the world. Nearly 16 million people visited Miami-Dade in 2016. Tourists do not visit our beautiful region to be bombarded by the air and water pollution that comes with risky oil drilling and fracking. Hospitality jobs account for over 12% of the total employment in Miami-Dade, according to a study by Greater Miami and the Beaches. Florida's tourism industry experienced a major downturn as a result of oil and gas development following the Deepwater Horizon BP oil spill disaster in 2010. According to a Harvard Kennedy School study, approximately 50,000 jobs were lost on Florida's Gulf Coast south of the Panhandle because tourists stayed away from Florida, fearing pollution from the oil spill on the beaches. Miami-Dade could face a similar outcome if fracking is not banned.

As state legislators delay passing a statewide fracking ban, county officials are working to ban fracking wastewater injection to protect Miami-Dade residents from the dangers of fracking. Miami-Dade County passed a fracking ban in 2016. Across the state, 90 municipalities have passed measures against fracking. The state legislature needs to act and pass a statewide ban to ensure that our communities are healthy and that our local economies continue to grow here in Miami-Dade and throughout the state. We urge you to support a statewide fracking ban and do everything you can to prohibit fracking and the disposal of fracking wastewater here in Florida.

Signed,

\* Required

Name \*

Your answer

Title \*

Your answer

**SUBMIT**