PROCLAMATION

STATE OF FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TALLAHASSEE

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE
AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, recent events have conclusively shown the magnitude of damage oil spills can cause to ecosystems and communities in Florida and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important that Florida's coastal communities, natural resources, beaches, ecosystems, and the general welfare of this State are protected from the harmful impacts of such events; and

WHEREAS, the voters of this State should be able to collectively decide, at their earliest opportunity, whether they want to ban the exploration for, drilling for, extraction of, and production of oil in Florida territorial seas; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Legislature convene in Special Session to provide the voters the opportunity to amend their constitution to prohibit such activities during the November 2010 general election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by article III, section 3(c)(1) of the Florida Constitution and section 11.011, Florida Statutes, do hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1.

The Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session commencing at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 20, 2010, and extending through 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 23, 2010.

Section 2.

The Legislature of the State of Florida is convened for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering the following:

1. The passage of a joint resolution to revise the Florida Constitution to prohibit the exploration for, the drilling for, the extraction of and the production of oil beneath all Florida waters located between the mean high water line along the coastline of Florida and the seaward limit of Florida's boundaries.

2. Placing that proposed revision on the November 2, 2010 ballot.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed to this Proclamation convening the Legislature in Special Session at the Session at the Capitol, this 8th day of July 2010.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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