RESOLUTION BY THE APALACHICOLA RIVERKEEPER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 22, 2016:

Whereas the Apalachicola Riverkeeper is dedicated to the long-term preservation and restoration of the Apalachicola River, Bay and floodplain;

Whereas the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint System (ACFS) has been designated the nation's most endangered by American Rivers;

Whereas the sustained deprivation of fresh water has brought the river, bay and floodplain to the brink of collapse, jeopardizing countless species of fish, wildlife, and plants;

Whereas such a collapse would be disastrous for thousands of people whose jobs depend directly on the health of the Apalachicola system – and millions more whose livelihoods are indirectly affected;

Whereas the exploration and development of oil and natural gas resources is fraught with environmental risk;

Whereas oil spills and other disasters are an inherent part of the process of bringing fossil fuels from earth to market;

Whereas fossil fuel extraction is incompatible with the quality of life and culture enjoyed by the people in communities along the Apalachicola River and Bay;

Whereas renewable energy sources like solar and wind power are becoming cheaper and more readily available;

Whereas renewable energy is helping offset the world's need for oil and other fossil fuels; and

Whereas America's need for oil and natural gas can be met from existing sources and from areas where such efforts are already underway;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper opposes new exploration or extraction of oil or other fossil fuels within the Apalachicola River, Bay and floodplain, as well as the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Be it further resolved that:

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper supports the continued development of renewable energy sources that are sustainable and that provide the world with power without putting its natural treasures at further risk.