

## **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.**