

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-46

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA IN OPPOSITION TO A SEPTIC TANK LAW SB 550**

WHEREAS, recently adopted Florida Septic Tank Law as contained in Senate Bill 550 unduly burdens property owners in Gulf County, Florida with stringent new guidelines concerning the use and operation of the many private septic tank systems in place in rural Gulf County, and

WHEREAS, this new law requires inspections of septic tanks every five (5) years regardless of whether they function or not and will require the costs of pumping for such inspections, and

WHEREAS, the new law gives the Florida Department of Health authority to enact future rules which have the effect of law without having to pass the full legislature and grants the Department of Health essentially a signed blank check to create and enforce rules for all septic tanks in Florida at the owners expense, and

WHEREAS, the Bill was changed multiple times before it's passage with many legislators confused about the final version, and

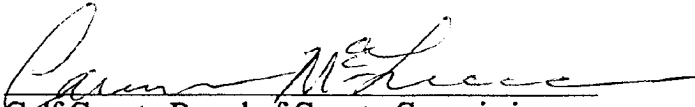
WHEREAS, the penalties for noncompliance with the new law are very excessive including a \$500.00 a day fine and a misdemeanor charge incurred each day which penalties are well beyond that required to ensure the citizens compliance in Gulf County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, this law usurps the County's ability to control septic tank issues locally based upon their localized conditions and establishes a one size fits all law for every septic tank in the State of Florida,

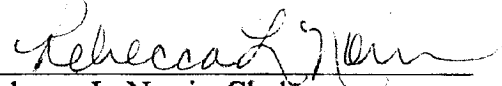
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby ask for a total repeal of the law and special session before the general election.

RESOLVED THIS 12th day of October, 2010.


Gulf County Board of County Commissioners
By: Carmen L. McLemore, Chair

ATTEST:


Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk