



Town of Southern Shores

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A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING AND SEISMIC TESTING (Resolution # 2019-05-01)

WHEREAS, the Town of Southern Shores Carolina is a coastal community on the Outer Banks of North Carolina which is visited by the millions of people who visit each year to enjoy the pristine waters of the Atlantic Ocean off the North Carolina coastline; and

WHEREAS, because it is economically imperative that our coastal waters must be safeguarded for future generations, the Town of Southern Shores objects to offshore drilling for gas or oil, including exploratory drilling and seismic testing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southern Shores opposes offshore drilling and testing because it has not been proven that either activity can be performed safely and without risk of catastrophic and irrevocable harm to our coastline, our natural resources, our properties, our businesses, and our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the potential damage to North Carolina's beaches and coastline from offshore drilling and testing would needlessly put our tourism-based economy at risk; and

WHEREAS, the risks associated with offshore drilling and testing have been conveyed by locally elected leaders during meetings with state and federal officials and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that local and state officials throughout North Carolina and its neighboring states join in taking a unified stand in opposition to offshore drilling and seismic testing, which jeopardizes the coastal environment and economies of all adjacent areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Shores Town Council, as the governing body of the Town of Southern Shores, is opposed to offshore drilling, including exploratory drilling and seismic testing, and urges North Carolina, our neighboring states, and all federal agencies to take no action that would put our coastline at risk.

This the 7th day of May 2019




Thomas G. Bennett, Mayor

Attest:


Sheila Kane, Town Clerk