

RESOLUTION NO. R19-746

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE CITY OF ANNA MARIA'S OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the federal government has expressed interest in opening the Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration, including risky methods such as seismic airgun blasting; and,

WHEREAS, seismic airguns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest manmade sounds in the ocean at 200-230 decibels, every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day for week to months on end that could prove harmful or injure and kill dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and,

WHEREAS, the full impact of seismic airgun blasting and offshore drilling are not yet fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry, or the federal government; and,

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of an oil spill and leakage; and,

WHEREAS, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of the coast; and,

WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, serve as essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Anna Maria recognizes that the tourism and fishing industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal environment, both serve as major economic drivers benefiting the current and future residents, property owners, and visitors to Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Anna Maria endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's environment and its resources; and,

WHEREAS, exploration and development of oil and gas resources off the coast of Florida will not effectively address the long-term energy needs of our country; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Anna Maria recommends that it would be more economically and ecologically responsible to pursue non-polluting sources of renewable energy such as solar and wind, that pose less risk to the coastal environment and economic health before using uncertain methods of seismic airgun blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ANNA MARIA THAT:

SECTION 1. Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic airgun blasting, will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk; therefore the

SECTION 2. The City Commission hereby approves its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the City Commission of the City of Anna Maria, Florida, in regular session assembled, this 13 day of JUNE, 2019.

Doug Copeland, Commissioner

Amy Tripp, Commissioner

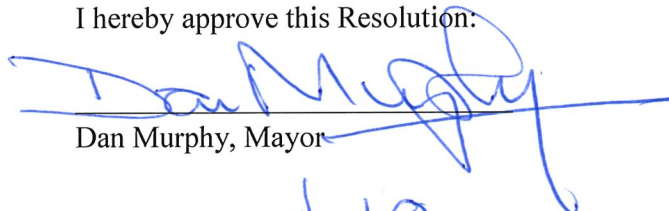
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Carol Carter, Commissioner

Dale Woodland, Commissioner


Brian Seymour, Chairman

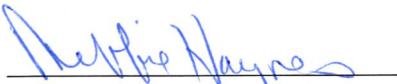
I hereby approve this Resolution:


Dan Murphy, Mayor


06.14.19, 2019

ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality for
the use and reliance of the City of
Anna Maria only


~~LeAnne Addy, City Clerk~~

Denbie Haynes, Deputy Clerk


Gretchen R. H. "Becky" Vose
City Attorney