

RESOLUTION NO. R 2018-148

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the United States government has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and 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, every 10-12 seconds for days, weeks, or months on end; and

WHEREAS, seismic airgun noise has been shown to harm and injure dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of oil spills and chronic 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, the Town of Davie 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 Town of Davie 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 Town of Davie 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 TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

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 Council expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

SECTION 2. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Florida, the Broward County Commission, the Florida State Legislators and the Federal Legislators.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

  
MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

  
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

Item Number: 9.

**To:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**From:** Judy Paul, Mayor  
**Prepared By:** Laurie Serur, Administrative Aide - Administration  
**Subject:** Resolution  
**Affected District:** Town Wide

**Item  
Request:**

**Title of Agenda Item:** **OPPOSITION** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Executive Summary:** Surfrider Foundation Broward Chapter is asking for support of all of the mayors and city commissioners in Broward County in opposing seismic testing and offshore drilling. The U.S. government has expressed an interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration, including risky methods such as seismic airgun blasting. Seismic airgun noise has been shown to harm and injure dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish and other marine life. Exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of oil spills and chronic leakage. The Town of Davie 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.

**Key Points:**

- The Surfrider Foundation is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network.
- The U.S. government has expressed an interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration, including risky methods such as seismic airgun blasting.
- 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 Town of Davie expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off of Florida's coast.

**Previous  
Actions:**

**Concurrences:**

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**Fiscal Impact:**

Has request been budgeted? N/A

If yes expected cost:

Account name and number:

If no, amount needed:

Account name funds will be appropriated from

Additional Comments

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**Recommendation:** Motion to approve

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**Strategic Goals This Item Supports:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

File Name	Description
 <a href="#">Opposition to offshore drilling activities.doc</a>	Resolution - Opposing offshore drilling