

RESOLUTION NO. 7

OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION,  
INCLUDING SEISMIC TESTING

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2018, the Secretary of the Interior announced a draft proposal to lease areas off the Atlantic Coast, from Delaware Bay to Cape Canaveral, for seismic testing, oil and gas exploratory testing and drilling; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 a similar proposal was scheduled to proceed but was canceled after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico starkly demonstrated the serious risks of offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local governments and other community groups have spent billions of dollars in funding and other resources in an effort to improve and maintain the condition of regional waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the tourism and commercial fishing and aquaculture industries are vital to the economies of the Town of Saxis, Accomack County, Virginia and the Hampton Roads Region, and could be devastated by an offshore energy exploration catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, a healthy tourism industry and economy are necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the speculative benefit of oil and gas drilling is not worth the risk of a Deepwater Horizon-type incident that could cripple the regional environment and economy for decades;

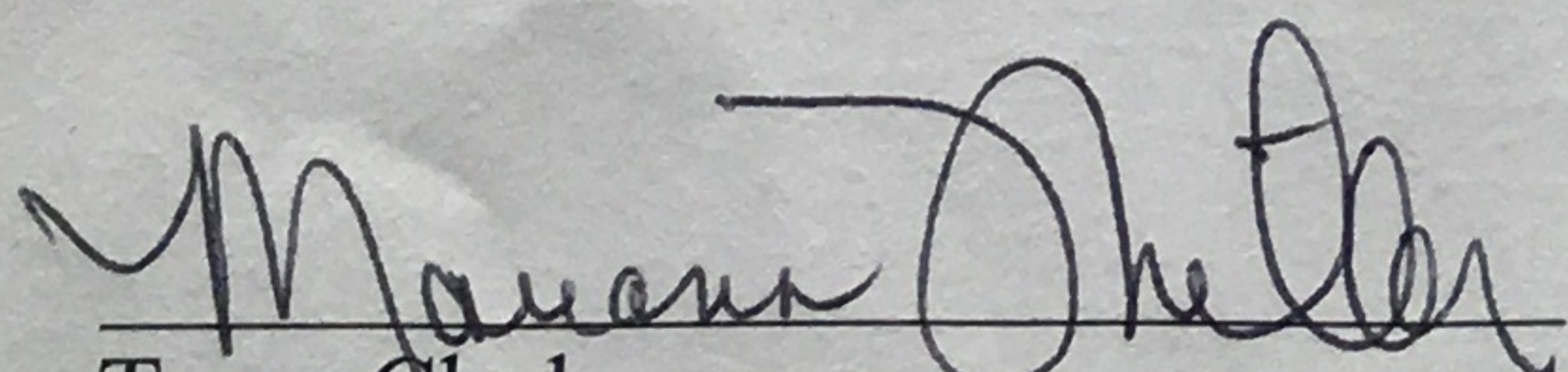
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Saxis, Virginia

1. That the Council opposes offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling, including seismic testing.
2. That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

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Adopted by the Town Council of Saxis, Virginia on May 6, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
Town Clerk



The undersigned Clerk of the Council of the Town of Saxis, Virginia (the "Town"), hereby certifies that:

1. A meeting of the Council of the Town (the "Council") was duly called and held on May 6, 2019 (the "Meeting").
2. Attached hereto is a true, correct and complete copy of Resolution No. 1 (the "Resolution") of the Town entitled as recorded in full in the minutes of the Meeting, duly adopted by a majority of the members of the Council present and voting during the Meeting.
3. A summary of the members of the Council present or absent at the Meeting and the recorded vote with respect to the foregoing Resolution as set forth below:

Member Name	Present	Absent	Voting		
			Yes	No	Abstaining
<u>Donna Maulaef</u>	✓	<del>✗</del>	✓		
<u>Donna Crumshaw</u>	✓		✓		
<u>Wayne Dady</u>	✓		✓		
<u>Anthony Lee Miller</u>	✓		✓		
<u>Richard Byrd</u>	✓		✓		
<u>Denise Dune</u>	✓		✓		

4. The Resolution has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded or amended and is in full Force and effect on the date hereof.

WITNESS my signature and the seal of the Town of Saxis, Virginia this 6 day of May, 2019

Maura Miller  
Clerk of the Council  
Town of Saxis, Virginia

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