

County of Atlantic, New Jersey



Resolution No.: 36

Approved as to Form and Legality

Roger C. Steedle, Legislative Counsel

Submitted By:

Freeholder Sponsor

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING OFFSHORE DRILLING OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, recently released a proposal to allow offshore drilling along the Atlantic coast; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan opposition to oil drilling along New Jersey's shoreline exists; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that Secretary Zinke proposes to remove the shoreline of Florida as a site because Florida is unique and its coasts are heavily dependent on tourism as an economic driver; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's (and Atlantic County's) shoreline are also unique and its coasts are also heavily dependent on tourism as an economic driver; and

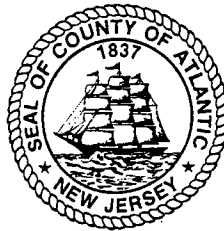
WHEREAS, damage from an accident or incident could severely damage the economy of Atlantic County and the New Jersey shoreline; and

I, Sonya G. Harris, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held

on the 30th day of January 2018

Signed Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE															
FREEHOLDER	MOVED	SECOND	YES	NO	ABS	REC	AB	FREEHOLDER	MOVED	SECOND	YES	NO	ABS	REC	AB
BENNETT			✓					GATTO			✓				
BERTINO			✓					KERN	✓		✓				
COURSEY			✓					RISLEY			✓				
DASE		✓	✓					FORMICA, Chairman			✓				
FITZPATRICK			✓												
<b>ABS - Abstain</b>				<b>REC - Recuse</b>				<b>AB - Absent</b>							



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic opposes offshore oil drilling off the coast of New Jersey and Atlantic County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to:

The President of the United States

The Secretary of the Interior

Governor Philip Murphy

New Jersey Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker

Congressmen Frank LoBiondo and Thomas MacArthur

State Senators Chris Brown, Jeff Van Drew, Dawn Addiego and Chris Connors

Assemblypersons Vince Mazzeo, John Armato, Robert Andrzejczak, Bruce Land, Joe

Howarth, Ryan Peters, Brian Rumpf and Dianne Gove

Boards of Chosen Freeholders of Cape May, Monmouth and Ocean Counties

Municipal Clerks of Atlantic County

Atlantic County League of Municipalities, Atlantic County Association of Mayors and

Atlantic County Association of Township Officials