

Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Freeholder Meeting Venue:

Date: Feb 08, 2018 - 7:00 PM

Location: Brookdale Community College
Student Life Center, The Twin Light 1
Room
765 Newman Springs Rd.
Lincroft, NJ 07738

Agenda: Resolution opposing the proposal to allow offshore oil drilling

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Impreveduto	<			<	<		
Curley	<				<		
Burry	<		<		<		
Arnone	<				<		

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE
COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AT A MEETING HELD

Kevin Masnick
CLERK

COUNTY COUNSEL

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL TO ALLOW OFFSHORE OIL
DRILLING

WHEREAS, the Jersey Shore is an integral component of a \$38 billion tourism industry in the State of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, Monmouth County comprises 27 miles of the 127 mile State of New Jersey coastal shoreline; and,

WHEREAS, the 27 miles of coastal shoreline do not include tidal areas in the various bays and rivers affected by the health and environmental quality of the ocean waters; and,

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Freeholders have constantly sought to protect open space and areas utilized for passive and active recreational uses like bathing, swimming, fishing, boating, and other shore-related activities; and,

WHEREAS, the 2010 "Deepwater Horizon" disaster in the Gulf of Mexico released an estimated 170 million gallons of oil into tidal waters resulting in numerous and lengthy beach closings, causing economic losses of more than \$1 billion to the commercial fishing industry, an estimated loss to the tourism industry in the Gulf states exceeding \$20 billion; and,

WHEREAS, the shoreline was dramatically affected, and continues to be affected; and,

WHEREAS, Deepwater Horizon was only one single "rig"; and,

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2018, Ryan Zinke, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior released a proposal to open the Atlantic seaboard to offshore drilling; and,

WHEREAS, the potential damage from an accident or incident would be catastrophic to the shoreline, tourism industry, and residents of the County of Monmouth; and,

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the State of New Jersey has "pre-filed" legislation prohibiting offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production within the states borders (Assembly, number 839); and,

WHEREAS, the Senate of the State of New Jersey has "pre-filed" legislation prohibiting offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production within the states borders (Senate, number 258).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth, do hereby oppose, in the strongest of terms, any offshore oil or gas drilling off the coast of the State of New Jersey and, more particularly, the coast of Monmouth County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders supports both the Assembly and Senate proposal to ban such activities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be made available to the President of the United States, the United States Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Gov. Phil Murphy, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental

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Protection, the Monmouth County Congressional Delegation, the Monmouth County State Legislative Delegation, and the Clerk of the Board of all of the counties within the State of New Jersey.

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