

Resolution 02-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES, FLORIDA, TO EXPRESS THE TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES'S OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING

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 air gun blasting; and

WHEREAS, seismic air guns 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 air gun 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, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide essential nursery habits for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as a natural buffer from storm surge and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Redington Shores 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 Redington Shores 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 Redington Shores 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 air gun blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES THAT:

Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic air gun blasting, will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk; therefore the Commission expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

The foregoing Resolution was offered during Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Redington Shores, Florida, on the 14th day of February, 2018, by Vice Mayor Kapper, who moved its adoption, and said motion was seconded by Commissioner Drumm; and upon roll call, the vote was:

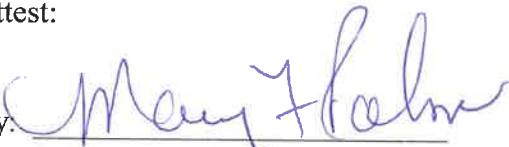
AYES: 5


NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAINING: 0

Attest:

By: 
Mary Palmer, MMC, Town Clerk

By: 
Bert Adams, Mayor