



## **COUNTY OF CURRITUCK**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING AND SEISMIC TESTING**

WHEREAS, through Executive Order 1375 ordering development of a new Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for oil and gas development, the federal government is again examining its policies relative to seismic testing, and potential offshore drilling, in the Atlantic Ocean off the North Carolina coast; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of seismic testing and offshore drilling, if any, to Currituck County, known as "Sportman's Paradise" and critical sanctuary for migratory birds, Northeastern North Carolina, or the State of North Carolina, are substantially outweighed by the unacceptable risks of harm to marine life, the coastline environment, property, business, livelihood of county residents, and their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Currituck County hosts visitors from throughout the world whom come to enjoy the natural beauty of the county's clean beaches, Currituck Sound and marshes. The offshore exploration and drilling for oil and gas poses unacceptable risks as potential damage to Currituck County's beaches and coastline, should a spill occur, would devastate the county's natural resources and irrevocably harm the county's tourism-based economy that relies on clean, healthy waters; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that local and state officials throughout North Carolina and its neighboring states take a unified stand in opposition to offshore drilling and exploration because a mishap in one jurisdiction could negatively impact the coastal environment and economy of adjacent areas; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has a long history of hurricanes, and deep water drilling off the state's coast would increase the chances of platform failures and oil spills due to the vulnerability of the coastal waters to severe weather events; and

WHEREAS, coastal communities have historically suffered dreadful consequences of offshore energy exploration and development including the Prince William Sound, victimized by the Exxon Valdez spill, and numerous Gulf Coast communities harmed by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

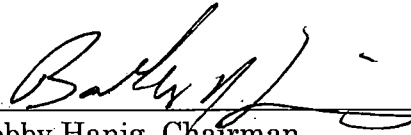
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Currituck County Board of Commissioners that:

Section 1. Currituck County opposes offshore drilling for oil and gas, and associated seismic testing, and urges the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the United States Congress, the Governor of the State of North Carolina, and the North Carolina General Assembly to oppose offshore oil and gas development policies that risk the health, safety and sound environmental stewardship of North Carolina's coastline.

Section 2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of the State of North Carolina, and the county's congressional and legislative delegations.

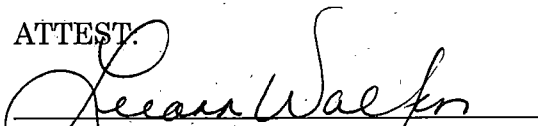
Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.



Bobby Hanig, Chairman  
Currituck County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST.

  
Leeana Walton,  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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