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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-040

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING
THE CITY'S OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING
ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING;
PROVIDING FOR THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT TO ALL
RELEVANT PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

11 **WHEREAS**, the United States government has expressed interest in opening the
12 Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and
13 exploration, including risky methods such as seismic airgun blasting; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, seismic airguns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the
16 loudest manmade sounds in the ocean, every 10-12 seconds for days, weeks, or months
17 on end; and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, seismic airgun noise has been shown to harm and injure dolphins,
20 whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of
23 offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of oil spills and chronic leakage; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore
26 infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of the coast;
27 and,
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29 **WHEREAS**, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation
30 destinations on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous
31 industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important
32 fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and,
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34 **WHEREAS**, the city of Hallandale Beach recognizes that the tourism and fishing
35 industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal environment, both serve as
36 major economic drivers benefiting the current and future residents, property owners, and
37 visitors to Florida; and,

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WHEREAS, the city of Hallandale Beach 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 Mayor and City Commission have determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to recommend 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 airgun blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic airgun blasting, will put Florida’s environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk; therefore the Mayor and City Commission hereby expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida’s coast.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to convey a copy of this resolution to all relevant parties.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2 day of May, 2018.


KEITH S. LONDON
MAYOR

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ATTEST:



JENORGEN M. GUILLEN
INTERIM CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND
FORM



JENNIFER MERINO
CITY ATTORNEY

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| Vice Mayor Lazarow | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comm. Butler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comm. Dally | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comm. Taub | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> |