

**CITY OF APALACHICOLA
RESOLUTION 2017-16**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA,
FLORIDA TO EXPRESS THE CITY COMMISSION'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 airgun blasting; and,

WHEREAS, seismic airguns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one the loudest manmade sounds in the ocean, every 10-12 seconds for days, weeks or months on end; and,

WHEREAS, seismic airgun 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, 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 habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Apalachicola 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 City of Apalachicola 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 City of Apalachicola 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

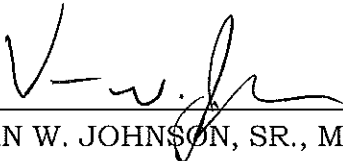
environment and economic health before using uncertain methods of seismic airgun blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola that:

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 Council expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

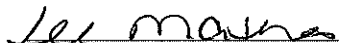
Adopted by the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola, on the 7th day of November, 2017.

FOR THE CITY COMMISISON OF THE
CITY OF APALACHICOLA



VAN W. JOHNSON, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



LEE H. MATHES, CITY ADMINISTRATOR