

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION**

No. 675-16

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Cape May County urge Governor Christie to oppose the seismic air gun blasting off the coast of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be served upon President Barack Obama, Governor Chris Christie, Cape May County Legislative Delegation and all Cape May County Mayors.

**STATEMENT**

*This Resolution opposes the use of seismic air-gun testing off the coast of New Jersey.*

STATE OF NEW JERSEY } ss.:  
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY }

I, Elizabeth Bozzelli, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held on the \_\_\_\_\_ 9th \_\_\_\_\_ day of

August \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

Signed,  Clerk of the Board of

Freeholders	RECORD OF VOTE					
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Moved	Second
Mr. Desiderio	✓					✓
Ms. Gabor	✓					
Ms. Hayes	✓				✓	
Mr. Morey	✓					
Mr. Thornton	✓					

√ - Indicates Vote Moved-Resolution Offered Second-Resolution Seconded

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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING  
OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed seismic air gun blasting is utilized to search for oil and gas reserves deep beneath the sea floor; and

**WHEREAS**, such blasting is proposed for the East Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the seismic air use extremely loud blasts of air, 100,000 times more intense than a jet engine and repeated every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day for days to months on end; and

**WHEREAS**, the blasting can cause permanent hearing loss, injury and even death to whales, dolphins and larval fish when used at shore distances; and

**WHEREAS**, the air gun noise has been shown to decrease the catch rates within certain fisheries; and

**WHEREAS**, the commercial and recreation fishing in New Jersey supports over 63,000 jobs, all of which would be threatened by seismic blasting and the offshore drilling that would follow; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ocean-based tourism and recreation generates nearly 3.1 billion in GDP (Gross Domestic Profit) for the State and sustains over 79,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration could decide in the next weeks to allow companies to use seismic air guns to search for oil and gas deposits in the Atlantic Ocean within the next few weeks.