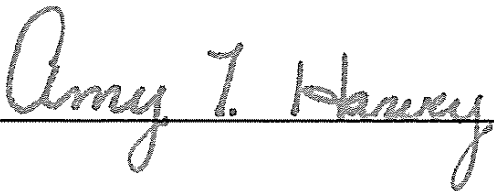


I, Amy T. Harvey, Acting Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2015-09-28/R-10) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on September 28, 2015.

This the 29th day of September, 2015.



**Amy T. Harvey
Acting Town Clerk**



A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE FOSSIL FUEL EXPLORATION, DRILLING ACTIVITIES AND SEISMIC BLAST ACTIVITIES OFF THE COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA (2015-09-28/R-10)

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Town Council was among the first municipalities in North Carolina to implement climate action initiatives to reduce municipal emissions and the Town's carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, seismic air guns firing intense blasts of compressed air are among the loudest human-made sounds in the ocean and can occur as frequently as every ten seconds, for days to weeks at a time and are loud enough to harm marine and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, more analysis is necessary for scientists, the oil and gas industry, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, or the Federal Government to understand the full impacts of seismic blasting and offshore drilling in the Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities pose specific threats to offshore marine ecosystems and coastal and river wetlands which are of intrinsic ecological value for numerous migratory bird species, serve as essential nursery habitats for our recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, tourism is the backbone of the coastal economy and one oil spill could devastate the economy, environment and social fabric, as demonstrated by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill stands with coastal municipalities in their pursuit of prudent shoreline protection and preservation joining over 50 counties and municipalities up and down the east coast in passing similar resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chapel Hill Town Council is opposed to offshore oil and gas exploration, offshore drilling activities and seismic blast activities on the continental shelf or elsewhere off the coast of North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chapel Hill Town Council stands in solidarity with North Carolina coastal communities which may be affected by the onshore infrastructure supporting offshore exploration and drilling and may suffer adverse long-term social, economic and environmental impacts from offshore exploration and production of petroleum resources on the continental shelf off the coast of North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chapel Hill Town Council calls upon all North Carolina municipal and county governing bodies to pass similar resolutions to this one and urges the Triangle J Council of Governments and the NC League of Municipalities to join in this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chapel Hill Town Council urges Governor Pat McCrory and the entire North Carolina General Assembly to oppose offshore petroleum production policies that risk the health, safety and sound environmental stewardship of North Carolina's coastline, whose natural beauty attracts a proven tourism-driven economy.

This the 28th day of September, 2015.