

**A Resolution
of Georgetown County Council**

**To Express The County of Georgetown's Opposition To
Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities**

Whereas, the Department of the Interior is in the process of opening the mid and south Atlantic to exploration and development of offshore oil and gas which will include the use of methods such as seismic testing; and

Whereas, the seismic testing data collected during any exploration will be proprietary and will not be available for review by Georgetown County, or members of the public; and

Whereas, the use of seismic testing could disrupt and endanger sea mammals and fish; and

Whereas, there is a risk of oil spills in the ocean due to factors such as weather and human error; and

Whereas, oil production requires onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines and refineries that may damage the coast; and

Whereas, Georgetown County is a county where a major economic force is tourism related to the appreciation of our natural coastal and historical environment, which are also the primary factors contributing to the high quality of life the County residents enjoy, enabling business recruitment, economic growth, and attracting new residents; and

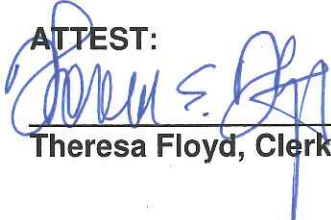
Whereas, Georgetown County Government desires to protect our unique environment by managing our open spaces, rivers, beaches, ecological areas and natural resources in a manner consistent with our community's values and priorities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in a meeting duly assembled that the Georgetown County Council is opposed to the Department of the Interior's proposal for seismic testing and offshore oil and gas drilling off the South Carolina coast.

Adopted this 25th Day of July, 2017.



Johnny Morant, Chairman

ATTEST:


Theresa Floyd, Clerk