

TOWN OF MCCLELLANVILLE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC TESTING AND OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has proposed permitting of geological and geophysical activities, including seismic air-gun surveys, toward the exploration for fossil fuels on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf; and

WHEREAS, the environmental impact of the prolonged, repeated, intense blasts of air, employed in seismic air-gun testing beneath the ocean's surface, is not fully understood by scientists; and

WHEREAS, the risks of environmental damage related to the extraction and transporting of oil have been demonstrated in other regions of the world; and

WHEREAS, the scale and nature of the infrastructure necessary to the oil and gas industry is discordant with the aesthetic qualities of the natural and manmade environments of coastal South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Town of McClellanville considers itself an active steward of its surrounding environment, including the Cape Romain Wildlife Refuge, a Class 1 Wilderness Area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of McClellanville has actively sought to promote ecotourism, history tourism and commercial fishing as economic drivers of our region.

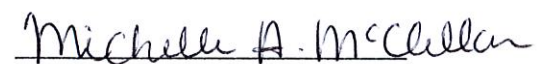
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF MCCLELLANVILLE, IN THE COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, THAT THE TOWN IS OPPOSED TO SEISMIC SURVEYING AND OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION OFF OF THE COAST OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AT THIS TIME.





RUTLEDGE B. LELAND, III, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MICHELLE A. MCCLELLAN, CLERK