

RESOLUTION 2015-20

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE
SEISMIC TESTING FOR OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION

WHEREAS, The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is currently in the process of trying to open the Atlantic Coast off the Town of ocean City to exploration and development of offshore oil and gas which will include the utilization of methods such as seismic blasting and,

WHEREAS, the full impact of seismic blasting in the Atlantic Ocean and its effect on marine mammals, highly migratory fish, and other marine life is not yet fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry, BOEM, or the Federal Government, and lower impact technologies may be available,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City, Maryland, having been entrusted with the preservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the beach and waters in, and adjacent to, Ocean City, Maryland for the benefit of the citizens of Ocean City, Maryland and the visitors therein and,


WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City Maryland has consistently expressed its disapproval of, and opposition to offshore oil drilling since 1974,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ocean City is opposed to the current BOEM Proposal for seismic testing off the coast of Maryland for the purpose of oil and gas exploration and development.

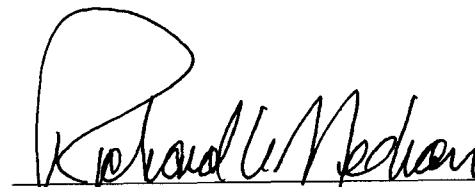
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to our Congressional Representatives.

RESOLVED this 21st day of September, 2015

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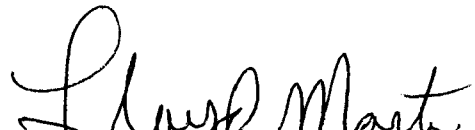


DIANA CHAVIS, Clerk




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