



## **RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SEISMIC TESTING AND OFFSHORE DRILLING**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ocean Isle Beach is committed to being a sound steward of the unique coastal environment, including the important waterways, estuaries, marshes and pristine beach, adjacent to Ocean Isle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ocean Isle Beach recognizes that our economic survival solely depends on the sustainability of the existing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the Town of Ocean Isle Beach has thousands of visitors from all over the world that come to enjoy the natural beauty of our island, marshes, inlets, estuaries, tributaries and beach; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's coastal waters and natural habitats provide the world with some of the best wild caught seafood, renowned for its freshness and exceptional quality; and

**WHEREAS**, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of spill. Offshore drilling also requires substantial onshore infrastructure such as pipelines and/or refineries, which will further risk the health and safety of the environment, character and natural beauty of the North Carolina coast; and


**WHEREAS**, it stands to reason that as the state of North Carolina has determined and legislated by Senate Bill S836 – Oil Spill Liability, Response and Preparedness Act, it is necessary to the safety, health and welfare of the State to protect our coast from oil/gas exploration, and to also protect and preserve her coastline and adjoining continental shelf from petroleum exploration and production; and

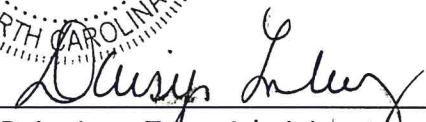
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Ocean Isle Beach is opposed to seismic testing and the exploration and development of oil and gas resources in the continental shelf or elsewhere off the coast of North Carolina; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Town of Ocean Isle Beach joins other North Carolina coastal communities who may be affected by offshore drilling and seismic testing and urges Governor 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 attract a proven tourism driven economy.

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015



  
Debbie Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Daisy Ivey, Town Administrator