



Resolution of Support for the Protection of Georgia's Coast

WHEREAS, from the Cumberland Islands and St. Simon's to Savannah and Tybee, Georgia's coasts are home to incredible beaches and stunning wildlife; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling will put our natural heritage, coastal economy and marine life at risk; and

WHEREAS, oil spills from inevitable accidents on drilling platforms are catastrophic, coating birds' feathers with oil, contaminating coastal and estuarine waters with toxic chemicals, breaking down into components that accumulate throughout the food chain, poisoning dolphins, whales, turtles, birds and shellfish; and

WHEREAS The Gulf of Mexico, home to most of the United States' offshore drilling operations, has suffered spills of over 100,000 gallons on average each year since 1964;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 6th day of September, 2016 by the Mayor and Council of the City of Porterdale Georgia that we urge the State of Georgia to resist all efforts to establish drilling operations off of our pristine coast, and that the U.S government should cease granting drilling permits.

Arline Chapman
Arline Chapman, Mayor

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Attest: Megan Reid, City Clerk