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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, EXPRESSES ITS OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING; DIRECTING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FROM FLORIDA, THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE MIAMI DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

19 **WHEREAS**, the United States government has expressed interest in opening
20 the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development
21 and exploration, including risky methods such as seismic airgun blasting; and

22 **WHEREAS**, seismic airguns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the
23 loudest manmade sounds in the ocean, every 10-12 seconds for days, weeks, or
24 months on end; and

25 **WHEREAS**, seismic airgun noise has been shown to harm and injure
26 dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and

27 **WHEREAS**, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and
28 transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of oil spills and
29 chronic leakage; and

30 **WHEREAS**, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore
31 infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of the
coast; and

1 **WHEREAS**, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation
2 destinations on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous
3 industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially
4 important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Wilton Manors recognizes
6 that the tourism and fishing industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal
7 environment, both serve as major economic drivers benefiting the current and future
8 residents, property owners, and visitors to Florida; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the City of Wilton Manors endeavors to be a good steward of the
10 state and region's environment and its resources; and

11 **WHEREAS**, exploration and development of oil and gas resources off the
12 coast of Florida will not effectively address the long-term energy needs of our country;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic
15 airgun blasting, will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local
16 economies at risk; therefore the City Commission of the City of Wilton Manors
17 expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to
18 pursue such practices off Florida's coast; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Wilton Manors recommends
20 that it would be more economically and ecologically responsible to pursue non-
21 polluting sources of renewable energy such as solar and wind, that pose less risk to the
22 coastal environment and economic health before using uncertain methods of seismic
23 airgun blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, THAT:**

3 **Section 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and
4 confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

5 **Section 2.** Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic
6 airgun blasting, will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local
7 economies at risk; therefore the City Commission of the City of Wilton Manors
8 expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue
9 such practices off Florida's coast.

10 **Section 3.** The City Commission further directs City Administration to
11 transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Broward League of Cities, the Florida
12 League of Cities, the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the United States
13 Congressional Delegation from Florida, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the
14 Miami Dade County League of Cities and any other interested parties.

15 **Section 4.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be
16 and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

17 **Section 5.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held
18 to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding
19 shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

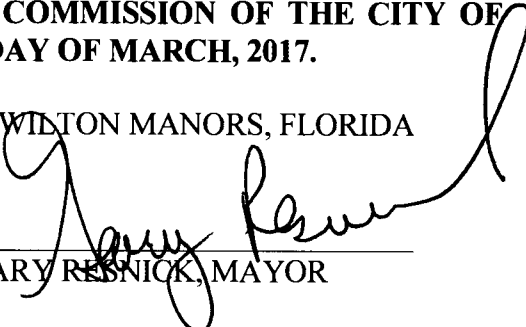
20 **Section 6.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its
21 passage and adoption.

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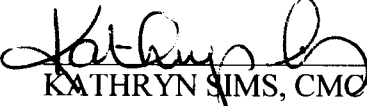
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**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 2017.**

CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA

By: 
GARY RESNICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

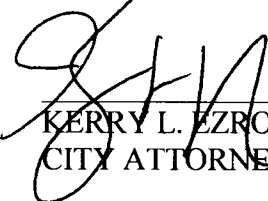

KATHRYN SIMS, CMO
CITY CLERK

RECORD OF COMMISSION VOTE

MAYOR RESNICK
VICE MAYOR FLIPPEN
COMMISSIONER CARSON
COMMISSIONER GREEN
COMMISSIONER NEWTON

aye
aye
aye
Absent
aye

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have
approved the form of this Resolution.


KERRY L. EZROL, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY