

**RESOLUTION 2014-344**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING THE SEISMIC AIR BLASTING OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed seismic air gun blasting is utilized to search for oil and gas reserves deep beneath the sea floor; and

**WHEREAS**, such blasting is proposed for the East Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the seismic air guns use extremely loud blasts of air, 100,000 times more intense than a jet engine and repeated every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day for days to months on end; and

**WHEREAS**, the blasting can cause permanent hearing loss, injury and even death to whales, dolphins and larval fish when used at short distances; and

**WHEREAS**, the air gun noise has been shown to decrease the catch rates within certain fisheries; and

**WHEREAS**, the commercial and recreational fishing in New Jersey supports over 63,000 jobs, all of which would be threatened by seismic blasting and the offshore drilling that would follow; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ocean-based tourism and recreation generates nearly \$3.1 billion in GDP (Gross Domestic Profit) for the state and sustains over 79,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration could decide in the next weeks to allow companies to use seismic air guns to search for oil and gas deposits in the Atlantic Ocean within the next few weeks; and


**WHEREAS**, the Township of Barnegat Mayor and Committee urge Governor Christie to oppose the seismic air gun blasting off the coast of New Jersey.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Barnegat that it offer its plea to New Jersey State Governor Chris Christie to oppose the seismic air gun blasting off the coast of New Jersey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, all Ocean County Mayors, and the Honorable Governor Chris Christie.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Sharon L. Auer, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Barnegat Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014 in the Municipal Complex, 900 W. Bay Avenue, Barnegat NJ 08005.



Sharon L. Auer  
Acting Municipal Clerk