



**A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
CONTINUED OPPOSITION OF OFF-SHORE DRILLING**

**WHEREAS**, the Dare County Board of Commissioners has had a long standing objection to off-shore drilling for gas or oil, including exploratory drilling; and

**WHEREAS**, in resolutions dated February 2, 1998, May 19, 2003, and December 5, 2005; the Dare County Board of Commissioners has consistently expressed its steadfast and unwavering opposition of any off-shore drilling; and

**WHEREAS**, since then no evidence has been uncovered to demonstrate any benefits to Dare County or to the surrounding region, and it has not been proven that off-shore drilling can safely be done without risking harm to the environment, the North Carolina coastline, our property, our businesses, our livelihood, or our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential damage to North Carolina's beaches and coastline should a spill occur would be devastating to our natural resources and irrevocably harm Dare County's tourism based economy.

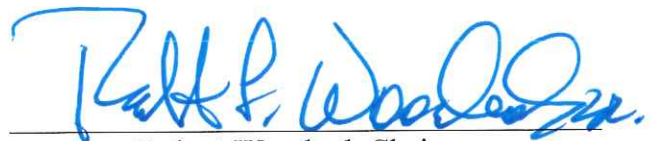
**WHEREAS**, it is vital that local and state officials throughout North Carolina and its neighboring states take a unified stand in opposition to off-shore drilling because a mishap in one jurisdiction could negatively impact the coastal environment and economy of adjacent areas; and

**WHEREAS**, other coastal communities and their neighbors have suffered dreadful consequences as the result of off-shore energy exploration including the Prince William Sound, victimized by the Exxon Valdez, and countless Gulf Coast communities harmed by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

**WHEREAS**, the documented dangers that are associated with off-shore drilling would needlessly put our environment, coastline, beaches, fishing, and tourism industry at risk and threaten our way of life in Dare County, North Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dare County Board of Commissioners renews its staunch opposition of off-shore drilling and urges North Carolina, our neighboring states, and all federal agencies to take no action that would put our coastline at risk. This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015





Robert Woodard, Chairman

Attest:



Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board