

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2015

A RESOLUTION OF THE SPACE COAST LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, RELATING TO SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING; MAKING FINDINGS; OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING IN THE ATLANTIC; URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO STOP THE PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PRESIDENT AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Space Coast League of Cities, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, (the "League") encourages all citizens and governmental agencies to be good stewards of the Atlantic Ocean coastal environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, seismic air-gun testing is being proposed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for the exploration of oil and natural gas off the mid-Atlantic coast; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling poses a major threat to the coastal community and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the type of seismic air-gun testing used to search for oil and gas is reportedly harmful to, and could negatively affect thousands of marine mammals and fish, including the critically endangered North Atlantic Right Whale; and

WHEREAS, the seismic air-guns fire intense blasts of compressed air every 1 to 12 seconds twenty-four hours a day for prolonged periods of time; and

WHEREAS, these loud air-gun blasts can be heard for many hundreds of miles in the ocean and can drive whales to abandon their habitats, go silent and cease foraging over vast areas; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling would increase the chances of platform failures and oil spills due to the vulnerability of the coastal waters to severe weather; and

WHEREAS, the League is composed of municipalities located on the Atlantic Coast of Florida in Brevard County, and tourism and environmental preservation of coastal communities and waters of the Atlantic Ocean affects the economic vitality of many Florida communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPACE COAST LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., that:

SECTION 1. That the Space Coast League of Cities, Inc., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, opposes seismic air-gun testing. The League urges the President's Administration and Congress to stop this process and focus on ensuring the vitality of vulnerable local economies along the Atlantic Coast and the eastern Gulf of Mexico and protecting coastal natural resources.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be distributed to the President of the United States, U.S. Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, Congressman Bill Posey, and the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

THIS RESOLUTION was duly adopted by the general membership of the Space Coast League of Cities, Inc., on the 9th day of February, 2015.

SPACE COAST LEAGUE OF CITIES,
INCORPORATED, a Florida
Not-for-Profit Corporation

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