

RESOLUTION NO. (2010) 1690

Board of Aldermen
Town of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina
Date: September 9, 2010



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING
OFF THE COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the exploration of oil and natural gas off the mid-Atlantic coast will not address the long-term energy needs of our country; it would be more ecologically responsible to pursue non-polluting sources of renewable energy through NC Green Power's solar, wind and biomass energy production projects that would pose less risk to our coastal environment and economic health; and


WHEREAS, tourism is a major economic force in New Hanover County and offshore drilling poses a major threat to our coastal economy and natural resources and, should a spill occur, the natural environment that supports our local economy would be severely damaged and the quality of life that both residents and visitors have come to expect at Wrightsville Beach would be negatively affected for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the revenue to be gained from drilling off the North Carolina coast would have little economic benefit to the citizens of Wrightsville Beach; we should not be placed at risk for a potential disaster that could destroy our quality of life, recreational activities, livelihoods or status as one of the east coast's premier tourist destinations; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has a long history of hurricanes and deep water drilling off our state's coast would increase the chances of platform failures and oil spills due to the vulnerability of the coastal waters to severe weather.

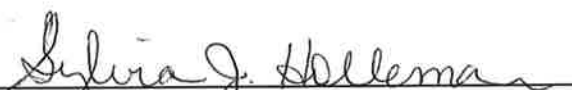
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, is opposed to any offshore oil or gas drilling off the North Carolina coast until such time as new regulatory safeguards are developed and implemented.

This Resolution adopted this 9th day of September, 2010.



David L. Cignotti, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Sylvia J. Holleman, Town Clerk

