



RESOLUTION #18-11

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION INCLUDING SEISMIC TESTING

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior has announced a proposal to allow oil and gas drilling and exploration and seismic testing in the Atlantic Ocean off the shore of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, when responding to the Draft Proposed OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2010-2015 that included the same areas proposed in the current plan, the USDOD found "significant conflicts" and discouraged oil and gas activity in the majority of the sales area; and

WHEREAS, the loss of training grounds would be detrimental to our military by making it difficult to perform their duties, and therefore, proving dangerous to the nation; and

WHEREAS, the health of the waters off of coastal Virginia is imperative for tourism and the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ralph S. Northam and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission have announced their opposition to offshore drilling off of the coast of Virginia; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Council of Williamsburg strongly opposes offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration including seismic testing off the shore of Virginia.

Adopted: November 9, 2018

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Debi Burcham, Clerk of Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul T. Freiling".

Paul T. Freiling, Mayor