



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-095

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OCEAN BEACH, NEW YORK'S OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING: RESOLUTION: 2018-095

WHEREAS, in New York Hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of the state's gross domestic product depend on clean, oil-free water and beaches and abundant fish and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, the vast majority of New York's ocean wealth stems from our tourism and recreation sector which benefits from a healthy ocean and coast: and,

WHEREAS, New York has become more vulnerable to severe weather events (such as Super Storm Sandy, cyclone bombs, and increasingly frequent nor'easters), which can cause or exacerbate leaks from offshore oil infrastructure in the Atlantic; and,

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration places coastal communities at economic and ecological risk from oil spills and the pollution brought by routine drilling operations and onshore industrialization, threatening the livelihoods of commercial and recreational fisherman and small businesses that rely on a clean and healthy ocean and beaches; and,

WHEREAS, offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of New York's coastline and could exacerbate wetlands loss and storm surge and sea level rise impacts; and,

WHEREAS, the harmful impacts from offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration anywhere along the Atlantic coastline could extend far beyond immediately surrounding areas and severely impact communities that rely on the robust economy of the marine industry; and,

WHEREAS, offshore drilling and exploration perpetuates our ties to dirty carbon pollution and contributes to climate change and the resulting sea level rise and extreme weather; and,

WHEREAS, the current Administration has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, which includes the use of seismic airguns which fire intense blasts of compressed air that rank just behind military explosives as the loudest source of noise in the ocean, every 10-12 seconds, 24 hours a day, for months on end; and,

WHEREAS, seismic airgun blasting to explore for oil and gas deposits has been proven to disrupt and displace marine life, such as whales which rely on sound to find food and mate, and can impair the health of many fish and shellfish species, including those of commercial importance like squid, lobster, and scallops; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach recognizes that our community, businesses, and industries depend on a healthy coastal environment for the benefit of current and future residents, property owners, and visitors;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Village of Ocean Beach that:

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SECTION 1. The Village of Ocean Beach finds the offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration unnecessarily risks our economic and ecological health and therefore opposes any plan or legislation which encourages oil and gas development and exploration offshore that would impact the citizens of New York State.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Village of Ocean Beach Board of Trustees.

SECTION 3. The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand; U.S. Representative Peter King; State Senator Philip Boyle; State Assembly member Andrew R. Garbarino; and any other interested parties.

RESOLVED, that the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach Board of Trustees approves and accepts this position on offshore drilling.

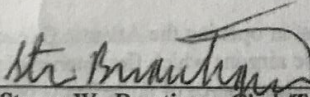
UPON MOTION MADE BY Mayor Mallott SECONDED BY Trustee Norris

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS _____ X _____ ADOPTED
_____ DEFEATED
_____ TABLED

Upon the following roll call vote of the members of the Board of Trustees:

Member	Absent	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Deputy Mayor Blake	X			
Trustee Hargraves		X		
Trustee Norris		X		
Trustee Power		X		
Mayor Mallott		X		

ATTEST:


Steven W. Brautigam, Clerk/Treasurer