

**RESOLUTION 20180816**

**OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION,  
INCLUDING SEISMIC TESTING**

**WHEREAS**, on January 4, 2018 the Secretary of the Interior announced a draft proposal to lease areas off the Atlantic coast, from the Delaware Bay to Cape Canaveral, for seismic testing, oil and gas exploratory testing and drilling; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 a similar proposal was scheduled to proceed but was cancelled after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico starkly demonstrated the serious risks of offshore drilling; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Ralph S. Northam has announced Virginia's opposition to the offshore drilling proposal, and has requested that areas off the coast of Virginia be exempted; and

**WHEREAS**, federal, state and local governments and other community groups have spent billions of dollars in funding and other resources in an effort to improve and maintain the condition of regional waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the tourism and commercial fishing and aquaculture industries are vital to the economies of the Town of Cape Charles, Northampton County and the Hampton Roads Region, and could be devastated by an offshore energy exploration catastrophe; and

**WHEREAS**, a healthy tourism industry and economy are necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of our citizens; and

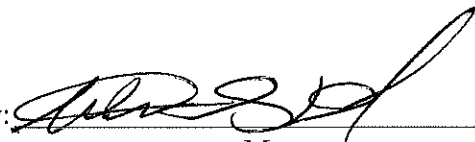
**WHEREAS**, the speculative benefit of oil and gas drilling is not worth the risk of a Deepwater Horizon-type incident that could cripple the regional environment and economy for decades;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Town of Cape Charles, Virginia

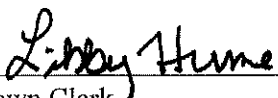
1. That the Council opposes offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling, including seismic testing.
2. That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

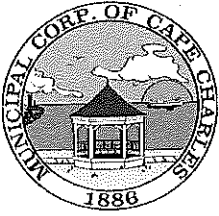
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Adopted by the Town Council of Cape Charles on August 16, 2018.

By:   
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Town Clerk



**Municipal Corp. of  
Cape Charles**

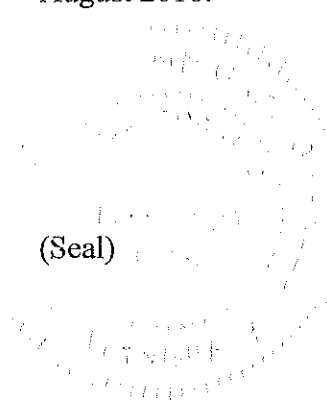
The undersigned Clerk of the Council of the Town of Cape Charles, Virginia (the "Town"), hereby certifies that:

1. A meeting of the Council of the Town (the "Council") was duly called and held on August 16, 2018 (the "Meeting").
2. Attached hereto is a true, correct and complete copy of Resolution 20180816 (the "Resolution") of the Town entitled as recorded in full in the minutes of the Meeting, duly adopted by a majority of the members of the Council present and voting during the Meeting.
3. A summary of the members of the Council present or absent at the Meeting and the recorded vote with respect to the foregoing Resolution as set forth below:

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Voting</u>		
			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
William Dize, Mayor	X				
Chris Bannon	X		X		
Steve Bennett	X		X		
Andy Buchholz	X		X		
Cela Burge	X		X		
Paul Grossman	X		X		
Tammy Holloway	X		X		

4. The Resolution has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded or amended and is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

Witness my signature and the seal of the Town of Cape Charles, Virginia this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.



(Seal)

*Libby Hume*  
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Clerk of the Council  
Town of Cape Charles, Virginia