1	RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05
2 3 4 5 6	A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE- SEA, FLORIDA, TO EXPRESS THE TOWN'S OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO TOWN
7 8	OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
9	WHEREAS, the United States government has expressed interest in opening the
10	Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and
11	exploration, including risky methods such as seismic airgun blasting; and
12	WHEREAS, seismic airguns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest
13	manmade sounds in the ocean, every 10-12 seconds for days, weeks, or months on end; and
14	WHEREAS, seismic airgun noise has been shown to harm and injure dolphins, whales,
15	endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and
16	WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of
17	offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of oil spills and chronic leakage; and
18	WHEREAS, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure,
19	such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of the coast; and
20	WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations
21	on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide
22	essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as
23	natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and
24	WHEREAS, the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea ("Town") recognizes that the
25	tourism, diving and fishing industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal
26	environment, both serve as major economic drivers benefiting the current and future residents,
27	property owners, and visitors to Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Town endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's

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environment and its resources, and for many years has invested in the maintenance and creation

30 of expanded and stronger dunes and coral reefs in its nearshore waters, earning the Town the

31 title of the "Beach Diving Capital of Florida"; and

WHEREAS, exploration and development of oil and gas resources off the coast of
 Florida will not effectively address the long-term energy needs of our country; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that it would be more economically and ecologically responsible to pursue non-polluting sources of renewable energy such as solar and wind, that pose less risk to the coastal environment and economic health, before using uncertain methods of seismic airgun blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA:

41 Section 1. <u>Recitals.</u> Each "WHEREAS" clause set forth is true and correct and herein
42 incorporated by this reference.

43 Section 2. <u>Finding</u>. The Town Commission finds that offshore oil and gas drilling and
44 exploration, including seismic airgun blasting, will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine
45 resources and local economies at risk. These risks are particularly pronounced in the Town, as
46 the Beach Diving Capital of Florida.

47 Section 3. <u>Commission Opposition to Federal Action</u>. The Town Commission
48 opposes offshore oil drilling and seismic airgun blasting off Florida's coast and urges the federal
49 government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast. The Town Commission further
50 urges the State Administration and Florida Legislature to oppose any such federal actions.

Section 4. <u>Distribution</u>. The Town Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to the
 Governor Ron DeSantis, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Florida
 League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida City-County Management

54	Association, Board of County Commissioners for Broward County, the Broward County League
55	of Cities, the Broward Legislative Delegation, and each of the municipalities in Broward County.
56	Section 6. <u>Authorization to Implement</u> . The appropriate Town officials are authorized
57	to execute all necessary documents and to take any necessary action to effectuate the intent of
58	this Resolution.
59	Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its
60	passage.
61	PASSED AND ADOPTED this <u></u> day of March, 2019.
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64	Mayor Chris Vincent
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70	Yechog Allon
71	Town Clerk Tedra Allen
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80	Susan L. Trevarthen, Town Attorney