RESOLUTION NO. 1317 0-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION, INCLUDING SEISMIC TESTING.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior has endorsed seismic testing, oil and gas exploration, and drilling in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean from Delaware Bay to Cape Canaveral; and

WHEREAS, the endorsed activities could prove harmful to the City's tourism industry and economy, to the activities of the U.S. Navy and the Port of Virginia, and to the marine life and environment, which are all integral to the City's quality of life; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

- 1. That the Council opposes offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling, including seismic testing.
- 2. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, October 9, 2018.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON OCTOBER 9, 2018

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk