

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF NORTH BAY VILLAGE, FLORIDA, TO EXPRESS NORTH BAY VILLAGE'S OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO SUBMIT COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION TO SENATORS MARCO RUBIO AND RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR DESANTIS AND PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION: AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the United States government has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration, including risky methods such as seismic airguns blasting; and,

**WHEREAS**, seismic airguns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest manmade sounds in the ocean, every 10-12 seconds for days, weeks, or months on end; and,

**WHEREAS**, seismic airgun noise has been shown to harm and injure dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and,

**WHEREAS**, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of oil spills and chronic leakage; and,

**WHEREAS**, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of the coast; and,

**WHEREAS**, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous

industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and,

**WHEREAS**, North Bay Village recognizes that the tourism and fishing industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal environment, both serve as major economic drivers benefiting the current and future residents, property owners, and visitors to Florida; and,

**WHEREAS**, North Bay Village endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's environment and its resources; 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**, North Bay Village recommends 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 airguns blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF NORTH BAY VILLAGE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

**Section 2. Authorization.** The Village Clerk to submit copies of the resolution to Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, Governor DeSantis and President Donald Trump.

**Section 3. Implementation.** The Village Manager, Clerk, and Attorney are hereby authorized to take such further action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and provisions of this Resolution.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Jackson who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strout and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Brent Latham	<u>YES</u>
Vice Mayor Marvin Wilmoth	<u>YES</u>
Commissioner Jose R. Alvarez	<u>YES</u>
Commissioner Andreana Jackson	<u>YES</u>
Commissioner Julianna Strout	<u>YES</u>

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



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Brent Latham, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Elora Riera, CMC  
Village Clerk



APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, PL  
Village Attorney