

RESOLUTION NO. 5060**A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE OFF-SHORE DRILLING OFF THE COAST OF VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior is currently considering the next iteration of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Five Year Oil and Gas Leasing Program which includes consideration of off-shore drilling; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA) has expressed the Alliance's strong support for excluding the coast of Virginia from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's next iteration of the Five Year Oil and Gas Program and HRMFFA's strong opposition to any offshore drilling activities that could jeopardize the military's ability to conduct operations and training off the coast of Virginia by letter to The Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary, United States Department of the Interior on January 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Chairwoman of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) has expressed, on behalf of its seventeen local government member jurisdictions, the HRPDC's unanimous opposition to off-shore drilling near the Virginia coast and has requested that the waters off the coast of Virginia be excluded from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's next iteration of the Five Year Oil and Gas Leasing Program due to the potential negative impact this activity could have on the military's ability to conduct operations and training as well as the potential impact that off-shore drilling could have on our region's tourism industry by letter to The Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary, United States Department of the Interior on February 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poquoson is a participating member of the HRMFFA and HRPDC and is supportive of the respective positions of each organization as it relates to off-shore drilling for the reasons specified in the above referenced letters to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior.

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

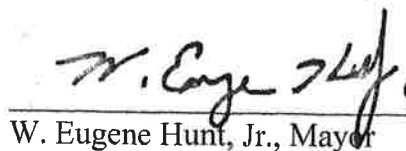
Section 1: That it hereby endorses the respective positions of HRMFFA and HRPDC in opposition to Off-Shore Drilling.

Section 2: That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTESTE:


Evie Insley, City Clerk

ADOPTED: November 13, 2018


W. Eugene Hunt, Jr., Mayor