

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-25

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF MIAMI
3 SHORES VILLAGE, FLORIDA EXPRESSING THE VILLAGE'S
4 OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES,
5 INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING; PROVIDING FOR
6 TRANSMITAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on
20 Florida's Coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide
21 essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as
22 natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and,

23 WHEREAS, as a coastal city, we are directly threatened as a result of such oil spills and
24 leakage; and;

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

28 WHEREAS, Miami Shores Village endeavors to be a good steward of the state and
29 region's environment and its resources; and,

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

32 WHEREAS, the Village Council finds the passage of this Resolution is in the best
33 interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village.

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35 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF MIAMI SHORES
36 VILLAGE, FLORIDA:

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38 Section 1. Village Council Approval. Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration,
39 including seismic airgun blasting, will put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and

1 local economies at risk; therefore, the Village Council hereby expresses its opposition to these
2 activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

3 **Section 2. Transmittal.** The Village Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this
4 Resolution to all relevant parties.

5 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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7 **PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th day of October 2018.**

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9 ATTEST:

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Ysabely Rodriguez, CMC
Village Clerk



MacAdam Glinn
Mayor

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17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Richard Sarafan
Village Attorney

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FINAL VOTES AT ADOPTION	
Council Member Steven Zelkowitz	<u>No</u>
Council Member Jonathan Meltz	<u>No</u>
Council Member Alice Burch	<u>Yes</u>
Vice-Mayor Sean Brady	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor MacAdam Glinn	<u>Yes</u>