

## RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC TESTING AND OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION

WHEREAS, the following was introduced by a group of concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, seismic testing activities and offshore oil and gas exploration have the potential to harm marine life; and

WHEREAS, these activities have the potential to impact recreational and commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Beach is a municipality in Carteret County, where tourism related to the coastal environment is a major economic force; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Beach endeavors to be a good steward of our coastal environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic testing and offshore exploration are not fully understood by scientists, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested by area residents and local advocacy organizations that the Town of Indian Beach lend its voice to this critical issue facing our coastal environment

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Indian Beach is opposed to seismic testing and offshore oil and gas exploration activities off the North Carolina Coast.

Adopted this the 11th day of March 2020

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ATTEST:

Stewart M. Pickett, Mayor