RESOLUTION OPPOSING OFFSHORE DRILLING OFF THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, recently released a proposal to allow offshore drilling along the Atlantic coast; and

WHEREAS, bipartisan opposition to oil drilling along New Jersey’s shoreline exists; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that Secretary Zinke proposes to remove the shoreline of Florida as a site because Florida is unique and its coasts are heavily dependent on tourism as an economic driver; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s (and Atlantic County’s) shoreline are also unique and its coasts are also heavily dependent on tourism as an economic driver; and

WHEREAS, damage from an accident or incident could severely damage the economy of Atlantic County and the New Jersey shoreline; and

I, Sonya G. Harris, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held on the 30th day of January 2018

Signed

Clerk of the Board

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ABS - Abstain  REC - Recuse  AB - Absent
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic opposes offshore oil drilling off the coast of New Jersey and Atlantic County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to:

The President of the United States
The Secretary of the Interior
Governor Philip Murphy
New Jersey Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker
Congressmen Frank LoBiondo and Thomas MacArthur
State Senators Chris Brown, Jeff Van Drew, Dawn Addiego and Chris Connors
Assemblypersons Vince Mazzeo, John Armato, Robert Andrzejczak, Bruce Land, Joe Howarth, Ryan Peters, Brian Rumpf and Dianne Gove
Boards of Chosen Freeholders of Cape May, Monmouth and Ocean Counties
Municipal Clerks of Atlantic County
Atlantic County League of Municipalities, Atlantic County Association of Mayors and Atlantic County Association of Township Officials