

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING AND SEISMIC TESTING**

**WHEREAS**, it has not been proven that offshore drilling and testing can safely be done without risking harm to the environment, the North Carolina coastline, our property, our businesses, our livelihood, or our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential damage to North Carolina's beaches and coastline should a spill occur would be devastating to our natural resources and irrevocably harm Hyde County's tourism based economy; and

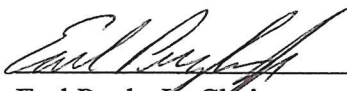
**WHEREAS**, it is vital that local and state officials throughout North Carolina and its neighboring states take a unified stand in opposition to offshore drilling because a mishap in one jurisdiction could negatively impact the coastal environment and economy of adjacent areas, and


**WHEREAS**, other coastal communities and their neighbors have suffered dreadful consequences as the result of offshore energy exploration including the Prince William Sound, victimized by the Exxon Valdez, and countless Gulf Coast communities harmed by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill; and

**WHEREAS**, the documented dangers that are associated with offshore drilling and testing would needlessly put our environment, coastline, beaches, fishing, and tourism industry at risk and threaten our way of life in Hyde County, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the risks associated with offshore drilling and testing were fervently conveyed by Ocracoke island residents during a February 20, 2018 meeting with North Carolina Secretary of Environmental Quality Michael Regan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners is in opposition to offshore drilling, including exploratory drilling and seismic testing, and urges North Carolina, our neighboring states, and all federal agencies to take no action that would put our coastline. This the 5th day of March, 2018.

  
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Earl Pugh, Jr, Chairman

  
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Attested by: Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board

