



# Town of Jamestown

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Governor Gina M. Raimondo  
Office of the Governor  
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Honorable Governor Raimondo:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior and Resolution No. 2018-08 "In Opposition to the Proposed Inclusion of the North Atlantic Region in the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program" adopted by the Jamestown Town Council at its regular meeting of Monday, April 16, 2018.

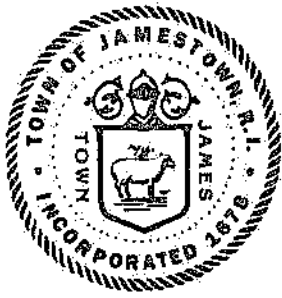
A copy has also been sent to the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island, as well as Senator Reed and Senator Whitehouse.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of the citizens of Rhode Island and your commitment to protecting our coastline.

Attest:

  
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Copies to: Senator Reed  
Senator Whitehouse ✓



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Ryan K. Zinke  
United States Secretary of the Interior  
Department of the Interior  
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Washington DC 20240

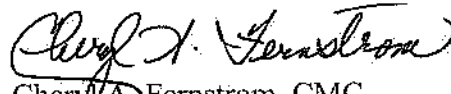
Secretary Zinke:

Enclosed is the Resolution No. 2018-08 - "A Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Inclusion of the North Atlantic Region in the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program" - adopted by the Jamestown Town Council at its regular meeting of Monday, April 16, 2018.

The State of Rhode Island is centrally located within the North Atlantic Region for the proposed oil and gas drillings. In order to protect our cultural heritage, marine ecosystem and economic future the Jamestown Town Council, on behalf of its citizens, asks you as Secretary of the Interior, to remove the North Atlantic region from consideration for oil and gas exploration and drilling.

Thank you.

Attest:

  
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC  
Town Clerk



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# Resolution of the Town Council

No. 2018-08

### A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED INCLUSION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC REGION IN THE 2019-2024 NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) within the U.S. Department of the Interior has released the 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program, a draft program proposal for offshore oil and gas leasing for the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal would open the federal waters of the North Atlantic region to oil and gas exploration and drilling, an area that begins just three miles off the coasts of New Jersey through Maine, within which the State of Rhode Island is centrally situated; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Islanders have long relied upon New England's marine environment as a source of food, jobs, and recreation, and through strong laws and leadership at the state and local levels, have conserved and protected our fisheries, habitats, and coastal resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island's commitment to sound marine and coastal stewardship has reaped enormous cultural, environmental and economic benefits for the citizens of the State, with healthy coastal communities, a vibrant Narragansett Bay, a thriving tourist industry, and productive fisheries all serving as hallmarks of the Ocean State; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island has long been committed to sound ocean planning as a basis for accommodating new, sustainable ocean uses, such as wind energy, and is home to the nation's first offshore wind farm; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island recognizes and is acting upon the need to ensure that its coastal communities are resilient in the face of rising sea levels and other impacts associated with climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, oil and gas drilling has never been viewed as compatible with our state and regional interests and thus has been removed from consideration for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, prior experience has shown the devastating consequences of oil spills; and


**WHEREAS**, now, more than ever, Rhode Islanders, in every community, stand opposed to the use of our offshore waters to oil and gas drilling;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, united in our determination to protect our cultural heritage, our marine ecosystem, and our economic future, hereby call upon the Secretary of the Interior to remove the North Atlantic region from consideration for oil and gas exploration and drilling.

By Order of the Jamestown Town Council



Kristine S. Trocki, President



Michael G. White, Vice President



Blake A. Dickinson




Mary E. Meagher



Eugene B. Mihaly

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby attach my hand and the official  
Seal of the Town of Jamestown this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.



Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

