

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-063**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the tourism and fishing industries, which depend upon a healthy and vibrant coastal environment, both serve as major economic drivers benefiting the current and future residents, property owners, and visitors to Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the City endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's environment and its resources; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City recommends that it would be more economically and ecologically responsible to pursue non-polluting sources of renewable energy such as solar and wind, that pose less risk to the coastal environment and economic health before using uncertain methods of seismic airgun blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and they are made a specific part of this Resolution.

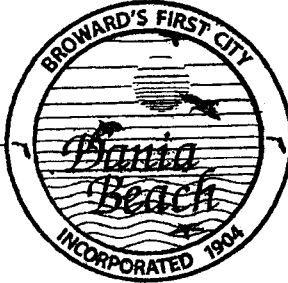
**Section 2.** That the City agrees that offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic airgun blasting, will put Florida’s environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk; therefore the City Commission expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida’s coast.

**Section 3.** That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4.** That this Resolution shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on May 8, 2018.

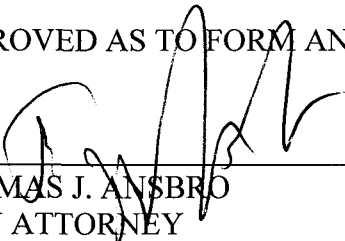
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