

## **VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SEISMIC TESTING AND OFF SHORE DRILLING**

**WHEREAS;** the Village of Bald Head Island is committed to being a sound steward of the unique coastal environment, including the rare maritime forest, estuaries, marshes, and pristine beaches on and around Bald Head Island; and

**WHEREAS;** Bald Head Island and the North Carolina coast are locations of significant and famous cultural and historic resources including, among others, Old Baldy Lighthouse, Fort Holmes, and multiple historic shipwrecks and artifacts comprising the Graveyard of the Atlantic which are protected by the National Historic Preservation Act and the Maritime Forest which is a North Carolina State Protected Preserve; and

**WHEREAS;** the Village of Bald Head Island recognizes our economic survival solely depends on the sustainability of the existing environment; and

**WHEREAS;** the Village of Bald Head Island has visitors from all over the world come to enjoy the natural beauty of our clean beaches, salt and freshwater marshes, inlets, estuaries and tributaries; and

**WHEREAS;** North Carolina's coastal waters and natural habitats provide the world with some of the best wild-caught seafood, renowned for its freshness and exceptional quality; and

**WHEREAS;** exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of spill and offshore drilling requires substantial onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines and/or refineries, which will further risk the health and safety of the environment, character and natural beauty of North Carolinas coast; and

**WHEREAS:** it stands to reason that as the state of North Carolina has determined and legislated (ref Senate Bill S836: Oil Spill Liability, Response and Preparedness Act) it is necessary to the safety, health and welfare of the State to protect our coast from oil/gas exploration, it should protect and preserve her coastline and adjoining continental shelf from petroleum exploration and production; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;** the Village of Bald Head Island is opposed to seismic testing and the exploration and development of oil and gas resources in the continental shelf or elsewhere off the coast of North Carolina; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** the Village of Bald Head Island stands in solidarity with North Carolina coastal communities and other communities who may be affected by the onshore infrastructure supporting offshore exploration and drilling and may suffer long-term social,

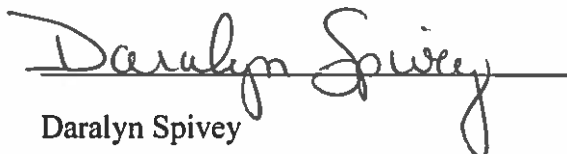
economic and environmental impacts from offshore exploration and production of petroleum resources on the continental shelf off the coast of North Carolina.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** The Village of Bald Head Island urges Governor McCrory and entire the North Carolina General Assembly to oppose offshore petroleum production polices that risk the health, safety and sound environmental stewardship of North Carolina's coastline whose natural beauty attracts a proven tourism driven economy.

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015.



  
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