

# Resolution 15-2108

Town of Carolina Beach  
Town Council



## **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AND DRILLING OF GAS AND OIL, AND SEISMIC TESTING ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF THE COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS;** the Town of Carolina Beach 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 Carolina Beach; and

**WHEREAS;** Carolina Beach and the North Carolina coast are locations of significant and famous cultural and historic resources including, among others, Fort Fisher, 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 Town of Carolina Beach recognizes our economic survival depends on the sustainability of the existing environment; and

**WHEREAS;** the Town of Carolina Beach 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 may further risk the health and safety of the environment, character and natural beauty of North Carolina's coast; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;** the Town of Carolina Beach reaffirms the resolution passed on February 28, 2014 in opposition to seismic testing and are opposed to the exploration and development of oil/gas resources on the continental shelf or elsewhere off the coast of North Carolina; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** The Town of Carolina Beach 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 Resolution adopted the 13th day of October, 2015.



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Dan Wilcox, Mayor



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Attest: Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk



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Date Approved