



Town of Caswell Beach

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TOWN OF CASWELL BEACH RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SEISMIC TESTING AND OFF SHORE DRILLING

WHEREAS, the Town of Caswell 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 Caswell Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Caswell Beach is home to critical facilities and national defense installations such as the Duke Energy Nuclear Pumping Station, National Aid to Navigation Oak Island Lighthouse and United States Coast Guard Station Oak Island; and

WHEREAS, Caswell Beach and the North Carolina coast are locations of significant and famous cultural and historic resources including, among others, the Oak Island Lighthouse, Fort Caswell 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 Caswell Beach recognizes our economic survival solely depends on the sustainability of the existing environment; 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 Carolina's coast; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Caswell is a turtle sanctuary that provides important habitat critical to the survival of these endangered national treasures; and

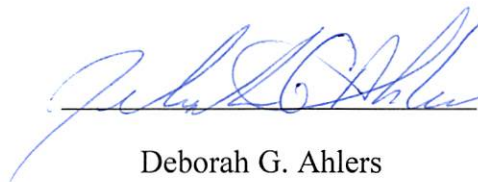
WHEREAS, it stands to reason that as the state of North Carolina has determined and legislated (ref Senate Bill S836: Oil Spill Liability, Response and Preparedness Act) it is necessary to the safety, health and welfare of the State to protect our coast from oil/gas exploration, it should protect and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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Caswell Beach 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 Town of Caswell Beach 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 Board of Commissioners for the Town of Caswell 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 the 14th day of October, 2015.



Deborah G. Ahlers
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Linda C. Bethune
NCCMC, Town Clerk

(Town Seal)

