## A RESOLUTION NO. 15-001 BY THE JAMES ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT COMMISSION OPPOSING SEISMIC TESTING AND OFF-SHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is in the process of trying to find oil deposits beneath the Atlantic Ocean off the east coast using sonic cannons to create detailed assessments of the ocean floor; and

**WHEREAS** seismic air-guns emit extremely loud pulses of sound through the water every few seconds which are said to be 100 times louder than jet engines, that will have detrimental effects on sea life; and

WHEREAS seismic testing and offshore drilling activities also pose threats to coastal wetlands surrounding James Island, which is located directly beside Folly Beach; and,

WHEREAS the James Island Public Service District Commission believes that more research should be done to fully understand and to better address the impacts of seismic testing and the options for mitigating those impacts before exploration begins,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commission of the James Island Public Service District, South Carolina (the "Commission"):

Section 1: That the James Island Public Service District Commission is opposed to Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling Activities off the South Carolina coast;

Section 2: This Resolution is to become effective upon its adoption and approval. Enacted this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2015.

IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED, this 23 day of March 2015.

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Chair, JIPSD Commission

Secretary, JIPSD Commission