

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
)	A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)	TESTING AND OFFSHORE OIL
)	EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES
TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT)	

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is in the process of trying to open the mid-Atlantic Ocean to exploration and development of offshore oil and gas including seismic blasting; and

WHEREAS, seismic air-guns fire blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest manmade sounds in the ocean. These blasts may occur as frequently as every ten seconds, for days to weeks at a time and are loud enough to potentially harm marine and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic testing and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean are not fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, or the Federal Government, and lower-impact alternative technologies may well be available for exploration in the near future; and

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources also poses a risk of a spill; and

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

WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities may pose unacceptable threats to the coastal wetland areas of Mount Pleasant, which are of intrinsic ecological value for numerous migratory bird species, serve as essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Pleasant is a South Carolina municipality where a major economic force is tourism related to the appreciation and enjoyment of our natural coastal and historical environment, including recreational fishing that also contributes to the high quality of life the Town's residents enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Pleasant endeavors to be a good steward of its coastal environment and its resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Mount Pleasant, in Council assembled, that the Town of Mount Pleasant is opposed to seismic testing and offshore oil and gas development off of the South Carolina coast at this time.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS ADOPTION.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED THIS 13 DAY OF May, 2015.



Linda Page, Mayor
Town of Mount Pleasant

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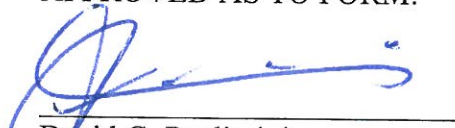


Christine Barrett
Clerk of Council

May 13, 2015

Adopted at Council meeting: May 12, 2015

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David G. Pagliarini
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