May 8, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201-3756

Dear Governor Haley:

As you are well aware, there has been much interest in, and controversy about, the federal government possibly issuing a lease for oil exploration and production in the South Atlantic offshore area. Many South Carolina towns and cities already passed motions or issued statements about the proposed program, mostly in opposition.

After securing input from our community, the Town of Seabrook Island has joined many others in opposing the federal program and the seismic analysis that would precede the exploration phase. The motion adopted at the April 2015 Town Council meeting of the Town of Seabrook Island is as follows:

The Town of Seabrook Island opposes both (i) the inclusion of the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic planning areas in the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, and (ii) the use of seismic analysis as part of geological and geophysical exploration in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf. The Mayor is directed to forward copies of this motion to applicable federal and state elected officials.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 843-768-9121 (office) or 843-243-9200 (home).

Very truly yours,

Terrence J. Ahearn
Mayor

cc: Senator Lindsey Graham
    Senator Tim Scott
    Representative Mark Sanford
    Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
    Mayor R. Keith Summey, N. Charleston
    Mayor Linda Page, Mt. Pleasant
    Mayor Timothy Goodwin, Folly Beach
    Mayor Charles R. Lipuma, Kiawah Island
    Mayor Richard Cronin, Isle of Palms
    Mayor Jane Darby, Edisto Beach
    Mayor Pat O’Neil, Sullivans Island