

RESOLUTION

A Resolution to express the Town of Vernonburg's position on offshore oil drilling and exploration activities, including seismic airgun blasting

WHEREAS, The United States government has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico offshore oil and gas exploration and development, including seismic airgun blasting; and,

WHEREAS, seismic airguns can fire for days, weeks, or months, and that this noise can harm marine life; and,

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a risk of oil spills and leakage; and,

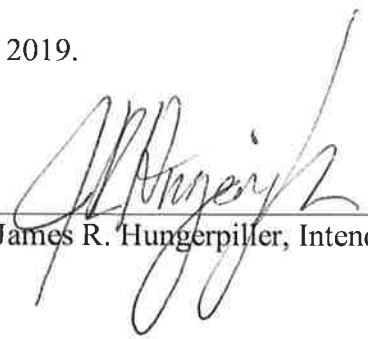
WHEREAS, Vernonburg endeavors to be a good steward of the region's natural resources, and offshore drilling activities may require onshore infrastructure, which could harm the character of the coast; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY VERNONBURG THAT:

Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic airgun blasting, could put Georgia's environment, beaches, and marine resources at risk; therefore the Council expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Georgia's coast.

The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Brian Kemp; U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson, and David Perdue; U.S. Representative Buddy Carter; State Senators Lester Jackson and Ben Watson; State Representatives Craig Gordon, Carl Gilliard, Jesse Petrea, Mickey Stephens, and Ron Stephens; U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, and any other interested parties.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of April, 2019.



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