

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-82

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
AVENTURA, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO
OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SEISMIC AIR
GUN BLASTING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, the United States government has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration, including methods such as seismic air gun blasting; and

WHEREAS, seismic air guns fire intense blasts of compressed air in the ocean every 10-12 seconds for days, weeks, or months on end; and

WHEREAS, seismic air gun noise poses a risk to dolphins, whales, endangered sea turtles, fish, and other marine life; and

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

WHEREAS, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Florida's coasts, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aventura endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aventura recommends that it would be more economically and ecologically responsible to pursue non-polluting sources of renewable energy, such as solar and wind, that pose less risk to the coastal environment and

economic health before using uncertain methods of seismic air gun blasting for offshore oil and gas deposits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Aventura expresses its opposition to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration and seismic air gun blasting activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices on Florida's coasts.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Landman, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Mezrahi, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:


Commissioner Denise Landman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Dr. Linda Marks	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marc Narotsky	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Robert Shelley	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Howard Weinberg	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Gladys Mezrahi	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Enid Weisman	<u>Yes</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of October, 2018.

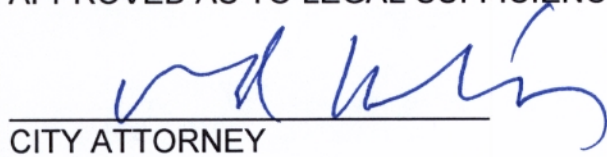

ENID WEISMAN, MAYOR



ATTEST:


ELLISA L. HORVATH, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


CITY ATTORNEY