

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, U.S. VICE PRESIDENT MICHAEL PENCE, U.S. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE PAUL RYAN, THE FLORIDA DELEGATION, THE BROWARD DELEGATION, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, AND THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING 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 risky methods such as seismic airgun blasting; and

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

WHEREAS, seismic airgun noise has been shown to harm and injure 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 significant risk of oil spills and chronic leakage; and

WHEREAS, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of the coast; 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 Coconut Creek recognizes that the tourism and fishing industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal environment, both serve as major economic drivers, benefiting current and future residents, property owners, and visitors to Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, exploration and development of oil and gas resources off the coast of Florida will not effectively address the long-term energy needs of our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution. All Exhibits attached hereto are incorporated herein and made a specific part of this Resolution.

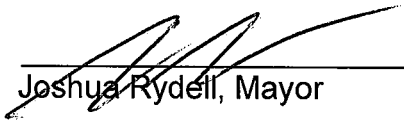
Section 2: That the City Commission expresses its opposition to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic airgun blasting, that would put Florida's environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk, and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Florida's coast.

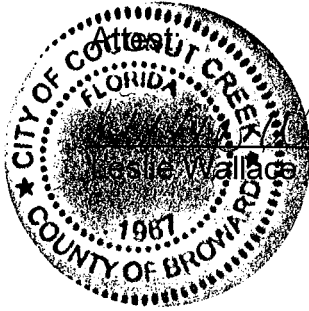
Section 3: That the City Commission hereby directs the City Clerk to provide a copy of this Resolution to U.S. President Donald Trump, U.S. Vice President Michael Pence, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, the Florida Delegation, the Broward Delegation, the Florida League of Cities, and the Broward League of Cities.

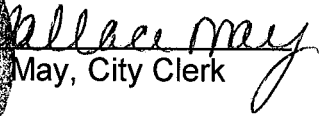
Section 4: That if any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this Resolution.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 28th day of June, 2018.


Joshua Rydell, Mayor




Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

Rydell Aye
Welch Aye
Tooley Aye
Sarbone Aye
Belvedere Aye