

TOWN OF URBANNA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-RES-015

URBANNA TOWN COUNCIL OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION, INCLUDING SEISMIC TESTING

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2018, the Secretary of the Interior announced a draft proposal to lease areas off the Atlantic Coast, from the Delaware Bay to Cape Canaveral, for seismic testing, oil and gas exploratory testing and drilling; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 a similar proposal was scheduled to proceed but was cancelled after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico starkly demonstrated the serious risks of offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ralph S. Northam has announced Virginia's opposition to the offshore drilling proposal, and has requested that areas off the coast of Virginia be exempted; and

WHEREAS, federal, state and local governments and other community groups have spent billions of dollars in funding and other resources in an effort to improve and maintain the condition of regional waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay and;

WHEREAS, the tourism and commercial fishing and aquaculture industries are vital to the economies of the Town of Urbanna, Middlesex County and the Northern Neck Region, and could be devastated by an offshore energy exploration catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, a healthy tourism industry and economy are necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the speculative benefit of oil and gas drilling is not worth the risk of a Deepwater Horizon-type incident that could cripple the regional environment and economy for decades;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of the Town of Urbanna, Virginia

1. That the Council opposes offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling, including seismic testing.
2. That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

Adopted by the Town Council of Urbanna on November 19, 2018

The undersigned Clerk of the Council of the Town of Urbanna, Virginia (the "Town"), hereby certifies that:

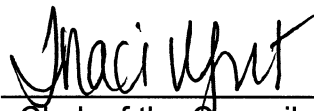
1. A meeting of the Council of the Town was duly called and held on November 19, 2018.
2. Attached hereto is a true, correct and complete copy of Resolution 2018-RES-015 of the Town entitled as recorded in full in the minutes of the meeting, duly adopted by a majority of the members of the Council present and voting during the meeting.
3. A summary of the members of the Council present or absent at the meeting and the recorded vote with respect to the foregoing Resolution as set forth below:

Hartley	<u> √ </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Gravatt	<u> √ </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
DeVries	<u> √ </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Chowning	<u> √ </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Austin	<u> √ </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Wiley	<u> √ </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay
Hollberg	<u> </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

4. The resolution has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded or amended and is in full force and effect on the date hereof.

Witness my signature and the seal of the Town of Urbanna, Virginia this 19th day of November 2018



 Clerk of the Council
 Town of Urbanna, Virginia

