

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA, OPPOSING
OFFSHORE DRILLING

Resolution No. 18-01

WHEREAS, offshore exploration for natural gas or oil has been a recurring issue in North Carolina for nearly 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Duck, North Carolina, is located on the coast of North Carolina in Dare County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Duck, North Carolina, has previously opposed offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, through Executive Order 13795, President Trump ordered the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to develop a new Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for oil and gas development; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, BOEM issued a Draft Proposed Program for public comment related to this Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Proposed Program would open the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to offshore drilling, including the coast of North Carolina, Dare County and the Town of Duck; and

WHEREAS, Dare County and the Town of Duck are dependent on the tourism industry for their economic livelihood with visitors coming from all over the world to enjoy the natural beauty and recreational opportunities inherent in clean beaches, salt and fresh water marshes, sounds, and tributaries; and

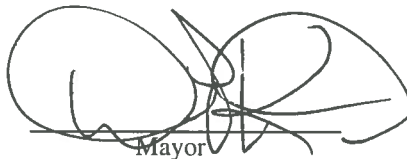
WHEREAS, many of these natural areas also provide sanctuary and nesting/breeding grounds for diverse groups of migratory birds, turtles, whales, fish and other forms of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Duck recently invested over \$14 million to maintain its beaches for public enjoyment and to protect property from erosion; and

WHEREAS, the inherent risks to Dare County and the Town of Duck from offshore oil and natural gas exploration and drilling have the potential to irrevocably harm the natural environment, the economic well-being, and the overall quality of life of the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018, that the Town Council of the Town of Duck, North Carolina, does hereby declare its opposition to offshore drilling off the coast of North Carolina.

Adopted this 7th Day of February, 2018.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

