



# City of Hampton

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### Resolution in Opposition to Off-Shore Oil and Gas Exploration and Seeking the Same Exemption Provided to the State of Florida for the Hampton Roads Region

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of the Interior is currently considering the next iteration of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Five Year Oil and Gas Leasing Program which includes considerations for off-shore drilling; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hampton Roads Region is home to both Langley Air Force Base and the Norfolk Naval Base both of which rely extensively on the surface and airspace ranges off Virginia's coast for readiness training and weapons testing activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of off-shore drilling may have on the military's ability to conduct operations and training off the coast of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, concerns that allowing off shore drilling could jeopardize our region's efforts to retain our air craft carriers, especially since the Florida coast is now excluded from off-shore drilling; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission estimates that the economic impact to our region of losing one carrier could approach \$1 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, this loss far outweighs any economic benefit that might exist from off-shore drilling; and


**WHEREAS**, the potential impact of off-shore drilling could also have negative impact on our region's tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, there are also concerns about the environmental impact to our local coastlines and waters,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia that it hereby declares its opposition to off-shore drilling off the coast of Virginia, but at a minimum the Hampton Roads region so that we not impact our critical military bases, tourism industry or natural environment.

approved by the Hampton City Council on 2/28/2018.

**Aye:** 7 Vice Mayor Curtis, Councilmember Gray, Councilmember Hobbs,  
Councilmember Snead, Councilmember Moffett, Councilmember Schmidt  
and Mayor Tuck

**Signed by:**   
Donnie R. Tuck

**Date** FEB 28 2018

**Attested by:**   
Katherine K. Glass

**Date** FEB 28 2018