

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-3

**TO EXPRESS THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK'S OPPOSITION TO SEISMIC TESTING
AND OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) is currently in the process of trying to open the mid and south Atlantic planning areas for exploration and development of offshore oil and gas which will included the utilization of methods, such as seismic blasting; and

WHEREAS, the seismic data collected during any exploration activities will be proprietary and will not be available for review by the State of Georgia, the City of Brunswick, or members of the public; and

WHEREAS, it will be impossible for the City of Brunswick to give adequate consideration to the costs, benefits, and risks of BOEM's offshore oil and gas proposal due to the lack of transparency of this process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick cannot fully participate in the BOEM planning process without appropriate access to the resource studies conducted off our coast; and

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic testing and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean are not yet fully understood by scientists, or the Federal Government, and lower-impact alternative technologies may be available for exploration in the near future; and

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

WHEREAS, eventual offshore drilling will require onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which may compromise the character of our coast, especially our natural and historical resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick is concerned about the potential impacts of offshore drilling activities on our coast; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick is a significant part of the Golden Isles region where a major economic force is tourism related to the appreciation of our natural coastal and historical environment, which are also the primary factors contributing to the high quality of life the City's residents enjoy, enabling business recruitment, economic growth, and attracting new residents; and

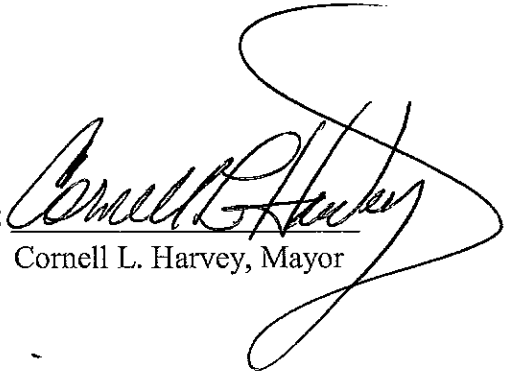
WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick has a long history of appreciation and value for our natural coastal and historical environment, which contribute to a high quality of life the City's residents and visitors enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick endeavors to be a good steward of its environment and natural and historical resources; and

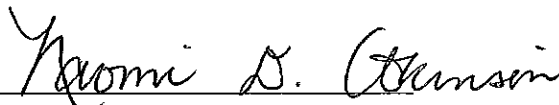
WHEREAS, the City of Brunswick believes that more research should be done to fully understand and to better address the impacts of seismic testing, and any testing should be done in a transparent manner and the options for mitigating those impacts explored before exploration begins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Brunswick, in council assembled, that the City is opposed to BOEM's proposal to allow oil and gas development off the Georgia Coast.

SO RESOLVED this 20th day of May, 2015

By: 
Cornell L. Harvey, Mayor

Attest:


Naomi D. Atkinson, City Clerk