

TOWN OF INDIALANTIC

Brevard County, Florida 32903

RESOLUTION 15-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIALANTIC, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Indialantic encourages all parties to be good stewards of the coastal environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, seismic air-gun testing is being proposed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for the exploration of oil and natural gas off the mid-Atlantic coast; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling poses a major threat to the coastal community and natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the type of seismic air-gun testing used to search for oil and gas is reportedly harmful and could negatively affect thousands of marine mammals and fish including the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale; and

WHEREAS, the seismic air-guns fire intense blasts of compressed air every 1 to 12 seconds, twenty-four hours a day for a prolonged period; and

WHEREAS, these loud air-gun blasts can be heard for many hundreds of miles in the ocean and can drive whales to abandon their habitats, go silent and cease foraging over vast areas; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling would increase the chances of platform failures and oil spills due to the vulnerability of the coastal waters to severe weather; and

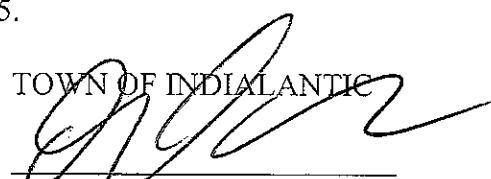
WHEREAS, the Town of Indialantic is located on the Atlantic Coast of Florida and the economic vitality of coastal communities affects the economic vitality of many Florida communities,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Indialantic, Florida opposes seismic air-gun testing and urges the President's Administration to stop this process and focus on ensuring the vitality of vulnerable local economies along the Atlantic Coast and the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the protection of natural resources.

THIS RESOLUTION WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS ADOPTION.

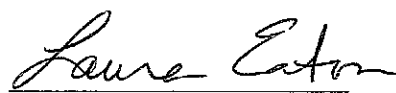
PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 7th day of January, 2015.

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David Berkman
Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Eaton, CMC
Town Clerk