

Introduced By: Councilmember Christine Hoffman

Adopted: March 16, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 1944-2015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING
SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior has endorsed seismic testing in Atlantic Ocean waters, a first step toward allowing oil and gas drilling from Delaware Bay to Cape Canaveral; and

WHEREAS, the proposed seismic testing would use air guns firing intense blasts of compressed air over extended time periods and could prove harmful to or injure and kill marine mammals and fish; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville Beach recognizes that tourism related to a healthy and vibrant coastal environment serves as a major economic force benefiting the residents, property owners and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville Beach understands that conclusions as to the full impact of the effects of seismic testing and the options for mitigation of these impacts require additional research;

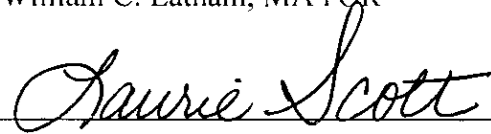
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, stands opposed to seismic testing in Atlantic Ocean waters until the complete evaluation of all testing options and the implementation of all proper assurances for protection of marine life.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

AUTHENTICATED this 16th day of March, 2015.



William C. Latham, MAYOR



Laurie Scott, CITY CLERK