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RESOLUTION OPPOSING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle is a thriving municipality fronting on the Atlantic Ocean, Bogue Sound, and Bogue Inlet along North Carolina's central coast, and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle is fortunate to enjoy the pristine coastal environment that is within and all around our town, and that draws residents and visitors from all over North Carolina and the United States, and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle strives to achieve the proper balance between quality of life, commerce, development, and environmental protection in order to maintain its standing as a high quality residential community and desirable tourism destination, and

Whereas, the local economy is based primarily on the tourism, real estate, and construction industries that thrive *because of* the pristine natural environment in and around Emerald Isle, and

Whereas, the entire State of North Carolina's economy is heavily dependent on tourism, much of which occurs along the State's 300+ miles of ocean shoreline and 12,000+ miles of estuarine shoreline, and

Whereas, North Carolina's coastal waters and natural habitats provide some of the best wild-caught seafood, renowned for its freshness and exceptional quality, and

Whereas, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of spill, and threaten the environment, character, natural beauty, and tourism economy of coastal North Carolina, and

Whereas, offshore drilling requires substantial onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines and/or refineries, all of which have the potential to negatively impact coastal North Carolina, and

Whereas, the Town of Emerald Isle believes that the significant risk associated with offshore oil and gas drilling outweighs the potential benefits,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners joins numerous other coastal local governments and expresses its opposition to the exploration and development of oil and gas resources in the continental shelf or elsewhere off the coast of North Carolina.

Adopted this the ____ day of _____, 2015.

Eddie Barber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ferebee, Town Clerk. CMC