



**Town of Nags Head
Resolution in Opposition to Offshore Petroleum Exploration
February 2010**

WHEREAS, Dare County has expressed opposition to offshore exploration for natural gas or oil in resolutions to state and federal agencies in 2005; AND

WHEREAS, tourism generates far more income, tax revenue and jobs for Dare County and the State of North Carolina than can be potentially generated by the petroleum industry; AND

WHEREAS, the Outer Banks Tourism Bureau has re-iterated its opposition to offshore petroleum exploration in August of 2009; AND

WHEREAS, offshore exploration represents a serious risk to Dare County's economy by potentially dissuading tourists from visiting the Outer Banks; AND

WHEREAS, Dare County already faces an economic downturn due to a nationwide recession and beach access issues on Hatteras Island; AND

WHEREAS, no proof has emerged to convince the Town of Nags Head or Dare County that such exploration can be done safely and without harm to the environment in North Carolina, our property, our businesses, our livelihood, or our quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Nags Head is opposed to any exploration for gas or oil on the continental shelf or elsewhere off the coast of North Carolina and urges North Carolina to re-instate a long-term moratorium on offshore exploration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these positions be made known to our representatives at the county, state and federal level, including the President of the United States and that the US Department of Interior be urged to instruct the Mineral Management Service to take no further action to open more off-shore sites to leases for gas or oil exploration.

This the 3rd day of February 2010.

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Robert O. Oakes, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn F. Morris", written over a horizontal line.

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk

