

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE CITY OF WOODBINE'S COMMITMENT TO A PROSPEROUS COASTAL GEORGIA ECONOMY THROUGH OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING AND SEISMIC AIRGUN BLASTING

**WHEREAS**, the United States government has expressed interest in opening the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico to offshore oil and gas development and exploration, including risky methods such as seismic airgun blasting; and,

**WHEREAS**, seismic airguns fire intense blasts of compressed air, one of the loudest manmade sounds in the ocean every 10-12 seconds for days, weeks, or months on end; and,

**WHEREAS**, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas resources pose a significant risk of an oil spills and chronic leakage; and,

**WHEREAS**, eventual offshore drilling may require significant onshore infrastructure, such as pipelines or refineries, which would harm the character of the coast, and local communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, offshore drilling activities pose threats to treasured vacation destinations on Georgia's Coast, which are of intrinsic economic value for numerous industries, provide essential nursery habitats for recreational and commercially important fisheries, and act as natural buffers from storm surge and hurricanes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the city of Woodbine recognizes that the tourism and fishing industries, which depend on a healthy and vibrant coastal environment, both serve as major economic drivers benefiting the current and future residents, property owners, and visitors to Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the city of Woodbine endeavors to be a good steward of the state and region's environment and its resources and local coastal economy; and,

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF WOODBINE THAT:

Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration, including seismic airgun blasting, will put Georgia's environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk; therefore, the Council expresses its opposition to these activities and urges the federal government not to pursue such practices off Georgia's coast

The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Brian Kemp, U. S. Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue; U. S. Representative Earl Buddy Carter; State Senator William Ligon.; State Representatives Steven Sainz; U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, and any other interested parties.

Adopted and approved this 2ND day of December, 2019.



Steven L. Parrott, Mayor

ATTEST:



M. Lynn Courson, City Clerk

