

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 18-51**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL
TO ALLOW OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING**

Councilman Zipprich offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Jersey Shore is an integral component of a \$38 billion tourism industry in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County comprises 27 miles of the 127 mile State of New Jersey coastal shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the 27 miles of coastal shoreline do not include tidal areas in the various bays and rivers affected by the health and environmental quality of the ocean waters; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth County Freeholders have constantly sought to protect open space and areas utilized for passive and active recreational uses like bathing, swimming, fishing, boating and other shore-related activities; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 “Deepwater Horizon” disaster in the Gulf of Mexico released an estimated 170 million gallons of oil into tidal waters resulting in numerous and lengthy beach closings, causing economic losses of more than \$1 billion to the commercial fishing industry, an estimated loss to the tourism industry in the Gulf states exceeded \$20 billion; and

WHEREAS, the shoreline was dramatically affected and continues to be affected; and

WHEREAS, the Deepwater Horizon was only one single “rig;” and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2018, Ryan Zinke, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, released a proposal to open the Atlantic seaboard to offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, the potential damage from an accident or incident would be catastrophic to the shoreline, tourism industry and the resident of the County of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the State of New Jersey has “pre-filed” legislation prohibiting offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production within the states’ borders (Assembly No. 839); and

WHEREAS, the Senate of the State of new Jersey has “pre-filed” legislation prohibiting offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production within the states’ borders (Senate No. 258).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank do hereby oppose, in the strongest terms, any offshore oil or gas drilling off the coast of the State of New Jersey and, more particularly, the coast of Monmouth County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank support both the Assembly and Senate proposal to ban such activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be made available to the President of the United States, the United States Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Governor Phil Murphy, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the legislators of the Eleventh State Legislative District, the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the local governing bodies of the municipalities of Monmouth County.

Seconded by Councilman Taylor and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Taylor	(X)	()	()	()
Councilman Whelan	(X)	()	()	()
Councilman Yngstrom	(X)	()	()	()
Councilman Ballard	()	()	()	(X)
Councilman Zipprich	(X)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	(X)	()	()	()

Dated: February 28, 2018

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, at a meeting held on February 28, 2018.

Pamela Borghi, Municipal Clerk