

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 16-56

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO DRILLING FOR OIL AND
OTHER FUELS OFF THE COAST OF THE EASTERN UNITED STATES**

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Shore is a natural treasure that must be protected for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Shore is an economic engine for municipalities along the length of the State's coastline, including this one, with businesses that attract millions of tourists to our state annually, create good jobs in our communities, and support the State through the creation of much-needed revenues, and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic Ocean also is a major provider of fish and other seafood that is shipped across the region and nation, both to restaurants and other establishments, and for the direct use of consumers, and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic fisheries also support charter businesses which provide recreational and economic benefits to residents, and

WHEREAS, any proposal to allow drilling for oil or other fossil fuels of the coast of the Eastern United States could have long-lasting detrimental impacts on the environment and economies of our Shore communities, and

WHEREAS, any catastrophic failure that would result in the release of fossil fuels directly into the Atlantic Ocean would create an environmental disaster on land and in coastal waters, damaging the Atlantic fisheries, fouling beaches, and contaminating back bays and salt marshes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the government and residents of the Borough of Red Bank oppose, in the strongest possible terms, any proposal to allow for the drilling for oil or other fuels off the coast of the Eastern United States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sentiments of the government and people of Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, in opposition to such drilling be shared with all County, State, and Federal officials representing the Borough of Red Bank, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all County, State, and Federal officials are strongly urged to use the powers at their disposal, through their official positions, to stop any and all proposals to open the Atlantic Coast to all drilling or associated exploration.

Seconded by Councilwoman Burnham and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Burnham	()	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	()	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	()	()	()	()
Councilwoman Schwabenbauer	()	()	()	()
Councilman Taylor	()	()	()	()
Councilman Whelan	()	()	()	()

Dated: February 24, 2016

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 24, 2016.

Pamela Borghi, Municipal Clerk