

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK**

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-78**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SEISMIC AIR-GUN TESTING IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN**

Councilman DuPont offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, President Obama's Administration is currently considering a proposal to allow Seismic air-gun testing in the Atlantic Ocean to search for oil and gas; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of air-guns to conduct these seismic tests threatens fish populations and profitable fisheries; and

**WHEREAS**, the type of seismic air-gun testing used to search for oil and gas is incredibly harmful and could injure or possibly kill thousands of marine mammals and fish including the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale; and

**WHEREAS**, the seismic air-guns fire intense blasts of compressed air – almost as loud as explosives every 10-12 seconds twenty-four hours a day for days to weeks on end. These loud air-gun blasts can be heard for many hundreds of miles in the ocean and can drive whales to abandon their habitats, go silent and cease foraging over vast areas. At shorter distances, air-guns can cause permanent hearing loss, injury and even death for whales, dolphins and fish; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed seismic air-gun testing will result in serious negative impact to our marine resources which form the foundation of economic vitality for communities all along the Atlantic Coast.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank urge the President's Administration to stop this process and focus on ensuring the vitality of vulnerable local economies along the Atlantic Coast as we cannot continue to put our ocean environment, beaches, marine resources and local economies at risk.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Obama.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Murphy	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Councilwoman Burnham	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Councilwoman Horgan	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Councilwoman Lewis	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Councilman Zipprich	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Councilman DuPont	( x )	( )	( )	( )

Dated: March 12, 2014