

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2018

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL CALLING FOR
PROTECTION OF OUR OCEAN AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING,
EXPLORATION AND FRACKING**

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Fort Bragg and its visitors value our ocean and coastal waters, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife that depends on a healthy and clean environment and which is the backbone of our local economy; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific coast put these coastal resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills and other damage; and

WHEREAS, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted off the coast of California since 1984, yet the current federal administration is considering expanding; and

WHEREAS, the state of California prohibits new oil and gas leasing in state waters due to the unacceptably high risk of damage and disruption to the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Senate, the State Lands Commission, along with several cities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean, and several municipalities have called for a ban on offshore fracking; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore drilling, fracking and other well stimulation off the California coast will deepen the State's dependence on fossil fuels and undermine its efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving toward renewable energy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg supports a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation in federal and State waters off the coast of California.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 12th day of February, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

LINDY PETERS
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk