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**RESOLUTION NO. 108-2014**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) FACILITIES IN THE NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY CLEAN OCEAN ZONE (COZ)**

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ introduced and offered for adoption the following resolution;  
seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the New York/New Jersey Clean Ocean Zone (COZ) has been defined as the waters from Montauk Point, NY to Cape May, NJ, offshore to the outer edge of the Continental Shelf (out to 100 miles), consisting of over 19,000 square miles of the Atlantic Ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous species of fish, birds, sea creatures, and marine mammals live in or frequent this COZ region, which also serves as an essential pathway for migrating species; and

**WHEREAS**, the ecological richness and economic viability of this region depends on a clean marine environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York/New Jersey COZ is the target location for the proposed industrial Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) port facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the LNG process is an unsafe and risky business that will devastate important fish habitat, impact endangered, threatened, and protected species, damage seafloor habitat, destroy vast quantities of marine life, and will create climate changes that will expose the area to stronger and more frequent hurricanes, northeasters and wind and wave risks; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional lifecycle stages of liquefaction, transportation, and gasification involved in the LNG process emit harmful greenhouse gases above and beyond levels produced using domestic "conventional" natural gas; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed LNG facilities will straddle the shipping lanes in the New York/New Jersey harbor and dramatically affect the shipping traffic patterns to the busiest port on the east coast, as well as permanently exclude the public from portions of the Atlantic Ocean that will be off-limits to public access for boating, fishing, and renewable energy development; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed LNG facilities pipeline cuts through communities that have recently experienced devastating explosions of natural gas pipelines and should not be exposed to such high risks again, especially given the size and route of the proposed pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, New York and Connecticut rejected an LNG facility proposal in Long Island Sound and California vetoed a similar proposal due to the significant potential impact to marine life, climate, and air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, we do not need LNG facility ports in this region and other more community and environmentally friendly solutions are available in the form of energy efficiency, energy conservation, and renewable energy technologies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright hereby opposes the building of industrial fossil fuel facilities, such as the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), off the coast in the New York/New Jersey Clean Ocean Zone (COZ); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

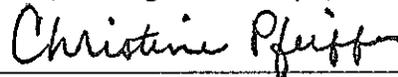
1. Mayors of Neighboring Municipalities
2. Monmouth County Board of Freeholders
3. State Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr.
4. State Assemblywoman Amy H. Handlin
5. State Assemblyman Declan J. O'Scanlon, Jr.
6. U.S. Congressman Christopher H. Smith
7. U.S. Senator Cory Booker
8. U.S. Senator Robert Menendez
9. Governor Chris Christie

Roll Call: Bills, Keeler, Kelly, Leckstein, LoBiondo, Murphy

July 1, 2014

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Christine Pfeiffer, Deputy Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing is a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council Meeting held on July 1, 2014.



Christine Pfeiffer, Deputy Clerk