

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-169**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG  
HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF OFFSHORE WIND  
FARMS**

**WHEREAS**, multiple international firms have received State approval to construct offshore wind farms, as close as 9 ½ miles off the coast of Ocean County; and

**WHEREAS**, grave concerns have been expressed about the local environmental and economic impact posed by the construction of the wind turbines; and

**WHEREAS**, wind turbines could have a negative effect upon migratory birds, and sea mammals, including the endangered North American Right Whale, and environmentalists have expressed concern about increases in whale and dolphin deaths that could be the result of sonar from wind farm construction; and

**WHEREAS**, other concerns are the negative effect upon the commercial fishing industry, as expressed by leaders in New Jersey's \$2.5 billion annual fishing industry, and in a Rutgers University study which concluded that such wind turbines could increase commercial fishing costs and possibly block vital fishing grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, tourism may be negatively impacted as well as local property values, by the visual pollution visible offshore, affecting the jobs of thousands as well as the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, while new and clean energy sources should be pursued, further study is necessary to determine the impact upon the fragile bay environment and wildlife of high-voltage electrical main lines constructed under Barnegat Bay which would be used to connect windmills to the power grid; and

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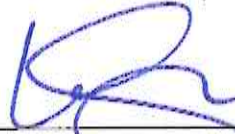
**WHEREAS**, the governing body opposes the construction of wind turbines off the coast of Ocean County until further studies address these serious concerns.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the governing body of Little Egg Harbor Township joins with the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, Congressman Chris Smith and Congressman Jeff Van Drew in opposing the construction of wind turbines off the New Jersey coast, particularly the Ocean County coast.
2. That the Federal Government and the State of New Jersey should implement a moratorium on offshore wind energy projects until all concerns are fully addressed.
3. That certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, the 9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Representatives, Ocean County Board of Commissioners, and all Ocean County municipalities.

**CERTIFICATION**

**I, KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of **July, 2024**.



**KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC**  
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