BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 150

RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSING NEW AND EXISTING OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING, AND DEEP SEABED MINING

WHEREAS, the ocean covers roughly 70% of the Earth's surface, produces half the oxygen we breathe through its plant life, serves as a major highway for global trade, provides food, absorbs excess carbon from climate change, and plays a critical role in shaping weather patterns; and

WHEREAS, offshore drilling carries countless negative effects including air pollution from toxic emissions known to cause asthma, lung cancer, and other diseases; the constant threat of oil spills that harm wildlife and their habitats; and damage to the fishing and tourism industries, which are vital to California's coastal economy; and

WHEREAS, past oil spill disasters, such as the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, the Refugio Spill in 2015 off the coast of Santa Barbara, California, have caused catastrophic impacts to human life, wildlife, coastal ecosystems, and local economies; and

WHEREAS, an analysis by Oceana found that protecting all unleased federal waters from offshore drilling in the United States could prevent over 19 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions—the equivalent of taking every car in the nation off the road for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2025 President Trump signed the Unleashing American Energy executive order, which encourages energy exploration and production on Federal lands and waters, including on the Outer Continental Shelf; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025, President Trump signed the Unleashing America's Offshore Critical Minerals and Resources executive order to permit deep seabed mining, which would have significant negative impacts on our marine ecosystems, fisheries, and local coastal economies; and

WHEREAS, California's marine protected areas and sanctuaries protect unique ecosystems and cultural resources but significant areas of the Pacific remain vulnerable to offshore oil and gas development; and

WHEREAS, the threat of future leasing proposals persists in the absence of a permanent nationwide prohibition on new offshore drilling; and

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WHEREAS, protecting California's coastlines from the impacts of oil and gas development is

essential to safeguarding the environment, public health, Tribal cultural resources, climate resilience, and coastal economies.

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, via Resolution 18-13, opposed the inclusion of any portion of the Pacific Coast in the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management's Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program (Federal Register Doc No: 2018-00083) because such action threatens the regional clean-coast economy which relies on healthy ecosystems, fisheries, and the multiple visitor-serving industries that depend on them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors opposes any new or expanded offshore oil and gas drilling, and deep seabed mining, and urges federal and state decision-makers to permanently prohibit offshore drilling and deep seabed mining in all U.S. waters, including the Pacific Ocean off California.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the County of Humboldt will participate in the Local Government Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Coordination Program, in order to work collaboratively with other jurisdictions to protect California's coastal communities, economies, and ecosystems from offshore drilling.

Dated:
October 7, 2025

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Arroyo, Seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: -- Arroyo, Madrone, and Wilson
NAYES: Supervisors: -- Bohn
ABSENT: Supervisors: -- None
ABSTAIN: Supervisors: -- Bushnell
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Humboldt

I, Tracy Damico, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

Kaleigh Maffei

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California