

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-130

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
SUPPORTING EFFORTS OF CONGRESSMAN JEFF VAN
DREW, 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, TO INVESTIGATE
RELATION OF WHALE DEATHS TO OFFSHORE WIND
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, in the past two months, eight whales have washed ashore on the beaches of New Jersey and New York; and

WHEREAS, an immediate moratorium on offshore wind energy development is necessary to assure that ocean noise related to underwater seabed mapping, soil borings and other turbine construction activities pose no threat to whales; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee support the efforts of Congressman Jeff Van Drew, 2nd Congressional District, to investigate the impacts of offshore wind projects upon the environment and marine ecosystems.

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

1. That the governing body supports the efforts of Congressman Jeff Van Drew, 2nd Congressional District, to investigate the impacts of offshore wind projects upon the environment and marine ecosystems.
2. That the governing body calls for an immediate moratorium on offshore wind energy development is necessary to assure that ocean noise related to underwater seabed mapping, soil borings and other turbine construction activities pose no threat to whales.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Congressman Jeff Van Drew.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of said Township at their regular meeting held in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ on the 7th day of March, 2023

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Barnegat Towship