

**SAMPLE**  
**Resolution to Call For Fiscal Responsibility and Good Governance by**  
**Cancelling New Jersey’s Third Offshore Wind Solicitation**

**WHEREAS**, meaningful, effective, environmentally beneficial action is needed to curb global climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and climate benefits from the offshore wind energy projects off the New Jersey coast are projected to be negligible or minor; and

**WHEREAS**, no offshore transmission grid currently exists, so offshore wind projects currently in development may face years-long delays in generating usable energy to reduce fossil fuel consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic viability of offshore wind projects has been increasingly called into question due to global supply chain constraints and inflation, which are causing projects in the Atlantic region and in Europe to be withdrawn, attempts for contracts to be re-opened, and lease sales to fail; and

**WHEREAS**, fiscal issues are causing offshore wind developers’ stock values to plummet, leading companies to seek additional funds, subsidies, and/or tax breaks from the federal government and, in the case of Orsted, successfully pressure the New Jersey state government to pass legislation granting it up to \$1 billion originally designated for ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple activities related to offshore wind energy construction have been exempted from the Jones Act, which limits the benefits to New Jerseyans of offshore wind job creation; and

**WHEREAS**, critical design flaws, wind lulls, and vulnerability to hurricanes calls the highly aspirational energy generation goals and technological feasibility of offshore wind installations into question; and

**WHEREAS**, critical design flaws, wind lulls, vulnerability to hurricanes, and technological failures call the highly aspirational energy generation goals and technological feasibility of offshore wind installations into question; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore wind turbine installations will make navigation off the New Jersey coast more difficult, which has implications for navigational safety, shipping, fishing, and military operations; and

**WHEREAS**, wind turbines interfere with radar signals that are crucial to national security and navigational safety; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore wind energy development poses a variety of serious risks to marine wildlife through sonar and seismic surveying activities, increased vessel traffic, pile driving, once-through cooling systems, and changes to ocean currents and temperatures; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts on marine mammals of offshore wind surveying, construction, operation and maintenance, management, and decommissioning activities have not been properly studied; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore wind energy projects have been fast-tracked through approval processes without serious consideration for the economic and environmental risks or an independent, comprehensive cost-benefit analysis accounting for the entire life cycle of the projects; and

**WHEREAS**, an independent, peer-reviewed study is needed to determine whether offshore wind pre-construction activities are the cause of the unusually high numbers of marine animal strandings off the New Jersey coast; and

**WHEREAS**, no pilot project has been undertaken in the New York Bight—which is unusual for the offshore wind industry—and one is needed to discover the true, area-specific impacts of offshore wind development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) agreed to conduct a cost/benefit analysis of the offshore wind industry in the North Atlantic, and no further offshore wind development should occur until the study is released and recommendations are followed; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that [name of the locality/organization] strongly urges the New Jersey legislative and executive branches to prevent the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities from awarding any additional contracts in its third round of offshore wind solicitations until the GAO study is complete, an independent study on marine mammal deaths concludes that offshore wind is not a significant cause, and a pilot project determines that offshore wind development is economically and environmentally feasible in the New York Bight.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be certified and forwarded to New Jersey Governor Philip D. Murphy, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities President Christine Guhl-Sadovy, and Clean Ocean Action.**

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