

Tybee Island Wind Power Resolution

A Resolution in Support of Onshore/Offshore Wind Energy Development

Whereas, onshore wind energy provides enough electricity to power over 10 million American homes annually and employs over 75,000 people in the United States; and,

Whereas, offshore wind represents a significant source of clean, renewable energy; and,

Whereas, wind is a domestic source of energy, that is shielded from foreign interests; and,

Whereas, wind energy represents one of the largest, cheapest sources of power that poses no significant harm to the environment; and,

Whereas, wind energy projects offer stable prices over as much as a 20-year period in contrast to the volatile costs of fossil fuels; and,

Whereas, wind development is dependent upon supportive local policies and public opinion; and,

Whereas, the outer continental shelf off the Georgia coast includes 1126 square miles of area potentially suitable for offshore wind farms with up to 14.5 gigawatts of generating capacity, enough to power nearly 3 million homes or one third of Georgia's electricity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL

- 1) **DECLARES** wind energy to be an important source of clean energy, and a significant job-creating industry; and,
- 2) **SUPPORTS** the development of renewable energy resources, particularly onshore and offshore wind; and,
- 3) **ENCOURAGES** educational institutions and wind energy developers to train and utilize the local workforce and human resources of Tybee Island and surrounding areas; and,
- 4) **PROMOTES** open dialog with local stakeholders and potential wind energy developers in order to inform the public and maximize the potential for implementation of available wind resources and development of supportive training and manufacturing facilities.