



Proclamation

Whereas: The need to raise awareness and educate the public regarding industrial offshore wind projects, and their associated impacts to our seashore community, led to the formation of a group known as Defend Brigantine Beach; and

Whereas: This group of concerned Brigantine citizens had been heartbroken and angry after learning of numerous, unexplained whale and dolphin deaths, including three whales that washed ashore in Brigantine and Atlantic City, while they also feeling misled and deceived by the advocates of offshore wind projects; and

Whereas: The impacts of these projects were studied, and it was found that the environmental consequences were even more significant and damaging than initially anticipated, Defend Brigantine Beach acknowledged the need to take stronger action, with the aiming to prevent the industrialization of our ocean; and

Whereas: They worked tirelessly on a public awareness campaign and established a 501-c3, non-profit corporation, to raise funds for their efforts, including lawn signs, billboards, newspaper ads and rallies; and

Whereas: Defend Brigantine Beach broadened their efforts to include supporters from the neighboring communities of Atlantic City, Ventnor, Margate and Longport, and collaborated with other citizen advocacy groups, to conduct further research, enlist support from elected officials and fund legal action; and

Whereas: The efforts of the dedicated volunteers of Defend Brigantine Beach led to the cancellation of offshore wind projects, and their contributions have made an invaluable impact on our community, extending far beyond Brigantine.

Now, therefore, I, Vince Sera, Mayor of the City of Brigantine, on behalf of the City Council, and the people of the City of Brigantine, do hereby commend and recognize the

Defend Brigantine Beach

As we celebrate their success and thank them for their efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
Officially and affix the Seal of the City of Brigantine
County of Atlantic, New Jersey, this 19th day
of February, 2025.

Christine Murray

Christine Murray
Acting City Clerk

Vince Sera

Vince Sera, Mayor

Dear Friends of Defend Our Beaches NJ,

We were thrilled to be recognized by the Brigantine City Public Officials at their meeting on February 19, 2025.

In the late Summer of 2022, as a result of misleading information and lack of public awareness regarding the proposed Atlantic Shores and Orsted industrial offshore wind energy projects off of the Brigantine coastline, a dozen local residents met to plan on how to educate the community about the offshore wind projects and their associated impacts to the environment, marine life, tourism, the seashore economies, and the health and well-being of our community. Through hard work and perseverance, Defend Brigantine Beach was born on December 18, 2022. Shortly thereafter, Defend Brigantine Beach Incorporated was registered in New Jersey, as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization allowing tax-deductible donations for our work in citizens outreach, research, promoting public sentiment, educating elected officials, and filing numerous lawsuits against Offshore Wind defendants in the State of New Jersey.

In January of 2024 we added the townships of Atlantic City, Ventnor, Margate, and Longport, NJ and changed our name to Defend Our Beaches NJ to represent Atlantic County's coastal communities and continue our fight against industrial offshore wind off the coast of New Jersey. We are a non-partisan, mission-driven, grassroots coalition supported by thousands of concerned New Jersey shore homeowners, elected officials, business owners, and visitors. We are proponents of a responsible and sensible approach to clean alternative/renewable energy solutions. However, offshore wind energy meets none of the criteria. Our all-volunteer team is comprised of Atlantic County homeowners, residents, business owners, and friends with diverse backgrounds. We care deeply about the future of our beautiful island and surrounding towns.

Our hard work, with collaboration and support from other NJ Municipalities, as well as Cape May, Ocean, and Monmouth Counties, and support from our own Mayor Vince Sera and Congressman Jeff Van Drew, has enabled us to stop the Federal and NJ State planned industrial offshore wind projects known as Orsted Ocean Wind 1 and 2, and Atlantic Shores 1 and 2, which we believe would have devastated our beach experiences, our beautiful seashore views, our local economies, commercial and recreational fishing, and the offshore marine environment, while significantly increasing our utility rates and local taxes.

Our Defend Our Beaches Committee and Volunteers spent thousands of hours over the past two plus years supporting Community Awareness and Outreach to businesses and homeowners, designing and producing marketing collateral such as shirts, banners, and yard signs, procuring billboards and banner planes to share our message, and leading numerous door-to-door activities in community neighborhoods, and holding fundraisers to support our cause.

In addition, we developed extensive research and white papers for use in Public Comment to the Federal and State agencies responsible for Offshore Wind and authored numerous articles to the Press to express our views. We also held press conferences and informational sessions for both the Public and our Government Officials and participated in numerous Government hearings and meetings to convince them of the dangers of offshore wind.

Finally, we prepared and submitted litigation numerous times against the State New Jersey, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and Orsted and Atlantic Shores Corporations. Our lawsuits, combined with support from many of our sister organizations, have enabled us to also put the Federal and State Government Agencies and the Offshore Wind Companies on notice that the

residents of New Jersey will never accept anything less than the complete cancellation of these damaging Offshore Wind Projects.

The successes we have achieved to date have been outstanding. Orsted has left and Atlantic Shores should follow very shortly. However, our work will not be completed until these offshore wind companies completely vacate our shores and the Federal Offshore Leases still active off of our New Jersey coastline previously awarded by the Federal Bureau of Ocean and Environmental Management are rescinded and cancelled. Until that happens, we will remain vigilant. Our organization is grateful for all of the support we received from our Brigantine family, and for many others in New Jersey that have contributed to our success. We ask that you please continue to collaborate and support us as we wrap these final issues and claim a "Final Victory." Thank you.

Keith Moore
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DEFEND OUR BEACHES NJ OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **ORGANIZATION**

- Formed Non-Profit Board with Committee Leadership Structure
- Held Monthly Strategic Planning Sessions with Committee
- Created and maintained Social Media sites including FaceBook, Twitter, and Instagram
- Created Website, and Sent out Weekly Email Newsletters to the Public
- Founding member of the Jersey Strong Coastal Coalition
- Leadership/Coordination with other Citizens Action Groups; Save the East Coast, SaveLBI, Protect Our Coast NJ, Save the Right Whale Association, Nantucket ACKRATS, Clean Ocean Action, CFACT
- Six major Fund Raisers/Speaking Events

- **RESEARCH AND GOVERNMENT OUTREACH**

- White Papers, Research Reports on NJ Offshore Wind Development and Approval Process, Lease Area Location Determination and Sale Process, Real Estate Impact (Residential Property Analysis) for Brigantine and Atlantic County Shore Communities, Economic Impact for Atlantic County Residents, Businesses and Governments, Impact of Onshore Cabling Project to Atlantic City Residents, Offshore Wind NJ Economic Impact on Jobs & GDP, BOEM's Misleading Presentation of Brigantine's Viewshed of Offshore Wind Turbines, Environmental Impacts of Offshore Wind, Economic Impacts to Tourism, Walney Island Offshore Wind Documentary
- Extensive Public Comments prepared and submitted to State and Federal Agencies including BOEM, NJDEP, NJBPU, EPA, FAA, NOAA for Ocean Wind 1, Atlantic Shores South, Atlantic Shores North Projects, and NY Bight Projects
- Attended Offshore Wind Forums, Congressional Hearings, BOEM and Atlantic Shores Public Meetings and Offshore Wind Conferences, and Rutgers classes on Ocean Environment
- Participation in Atlantic City, Egg Harbor, Brigantine, Margate, Ventnor, Atlantic County, and other Public Official Meetings to present public comments opposing offshore wind projects
- Multiple Lawsuits filed against Federal and NJ State Government which significantly contributed to Offshore Wind Companies reconsidering their projects off of South Jersey
- Founding member of the Jersey Strong Coastal Coalition

- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- Community Outreach at Countywide Farmers Markets and Festivals, Flea Markets, Parades, Atlantic City Air Show, Chamber Events
- Protests in Trenton and Atlantic City Convention Center during the International Offshore Wind Conference
- Press Conference/Media Event on Atlantic City Boardwalk
- Prepared and Printed Educational Materials, and Fact Sheets for Distribution to the Public
- Prepared Letters to the Editors in Press of AC, Brigantine Times, Shore Local and Paid Advertisement Space for Educating Public
- Brigantine Beach Cleanups
- Designed Logos and Printed Banners, Yard Signs, Flags, T-shirts, and Posters
- Coordinated and Funded Billboards and Banner Planes Opposing Offshore Wind
- Door to Door Education Material Distribution (Door Hanger Project) in Brigantine and Margate and Atlantic City
- Door to Door Community Outreach to Brigantine Businesses
- Petition Signature Campaign against Atlantic City Green Acres Diversion Resolution
- Community Outreach meetings for Atlantic City 5th Ward residents