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## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR HIGH-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE

**WHEREAS**, the Manistee County Board of Commissioners passed the following resolution to urge Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress to support the efforts of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste by opening Yucca Mountain, NV; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past four decades, nuclear power has become a significant source for the nation's production of electricity. Michigan is among the majority of states that derive energy from nuclear plants; and

**WHEREAS**, since the earliest days of nuclear power, the great dilemma associated with this technology is how to deal with the waste material that is produced. This high-level radioactive waste material demands exceptional care in all facets of its storage and disposal, including the transportation of this material; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. This legislation requires the federal government, through the U.S. Department of Energy, to build a facility for the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste. This act, which was amended in 1987, includes a specific timetable to identify a suitable location and to establish the waste facility. The costs for this undertaking are to be paid from a fee that is assessed on all nuclear energy produced; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the federal act, Michigan electric customers have paid \$405.8 million into this federal fund for construction of the federal waste facility; and

**WHEREAS**, there are serious concerns that the Federal Government is not complying with the timetables set forth in federal law. The U.S. Department of Energy, working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must not fail to meet its obligation as provided by law. There is too much at stake;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we call upon Michigan's elected officials to support the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in their efforts to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository at Yucca Mountain, NV for high-level nuclear waste; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Michigan's U.S. Senators and members of Congress.

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
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COUNTY OF MANISTEE     )

I, Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Manistee County Board of Commissioners at its regular monthly meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002 by the following vote:

YEAS: 7     Wild, Dontz, Ham, Kowalski, McNeilly, Mezeske, Rutske

NAYS: -0-

NOT VOTING:     -0-

I further certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, correct and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Manistee this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

  
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Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk

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