



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING
A PERMANENT NUCLEAR REPOSITORY
AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NEVADA**

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, nuclear power has become a significant source for the nation's production of electricity and 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; the 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 which 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 since there is too much at stake.

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

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.

I, Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on April 2, 2002.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)




Timothy A. Snow
County Clerk/Register

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