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**RESOLUTION URGING 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**

We, the Clinton 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.

**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 facet 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 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.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held February 26, 2002 and is on file in the records of this office.

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Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk