

CITY OF MARINE CITY
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 032-08

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PROPOSED NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY NEAR KINCARDINE, ONTARIO, CANADA, OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY UNDERGROUND REPOSITORY IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OR ANY FIRST NATION PROPERTY.

MEMORANDUM OF A RESOLUTION of the City Commission of the City of Marine City, a Michigan Municipal Corporation, adopted at a regular meeting of said Commission held at the Fire Hall located at 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, on the fifth day of June, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Lepley; Commissioners Draft, Hoyer, Menchaca, Micoff, and Treusch-Pelzer

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Treusch-Pelzer, and supported by Commissioner Micoff:

WHEREAS, the Marine City City Commission strongly values the water quality of the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and the Great Lakes; and,

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable resource containing 22% of the world's and 95% of North America's fresh water vital to human and environmental health; and,

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are vital to the economic well-being of the area and the Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Lake Huron and the connecting waters, including the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair, are the source of drinking water for millions of people downstream in the United States, Canada and First Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan Act 202 of 1987, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority Act, MCL 333.26201 - 333.26226 set forth siting criteria for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste. Such criteria excludes any site "located within 10 miles of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Huron,

Lake Erie, St. Mary's River, Detroit River, St. Clair River or Lake St. Clair"; and,

WHEREAS, to protect water quality, other siting criteria of Act 204 excludes sites (1) located within a 500-year floodplain; (2) located over a sole source aquifer; or (3) located where the hydrogeology beneath the site discharges groundwater to the land surface within 3,000 feet of the boundaries of the site; and,

WHEREAS, no Michigan site was likely to meet all statutory siting criteria and similar siting criteria should be used in Canada and other locations in the Great Lakes Basin; and,

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made for a low and intermediate level nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario, which this type of project has never been done before and which would not meet the siting criteria established under Act 204; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marine City City Commission, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository near Kincardine, Ontario, nor any other underground repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin, in Canada, the United States, or any First Nation property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the appropriate legislature in the Great Lakes Basin, Canada, the United States, and any First Nation property.

Ayes: Lepley, Draft, Hoyer, Menchaca, Micoff, Treusch-Pelzer

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Robert C. Lepley, Mayor

Attest:

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Diana S. Kade, City Clerk