

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

14-0238R

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR WASTE
REPOSITORY IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN.

BY COUNCILORS SIPRESS AND GARDNER:

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation is proposing to construct an underground long-term burial facility for all of Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station which is located approximately one kilometer inland from Lake Huron and about 400 meters below the lake level; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are vital to the economic and agricultural well-being of both the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Lake Huron and connecting waters are a source of drinking water for millions of people downstream in both the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the governments of both Canada and the United States share the responsibility and obligation to protect Great Lakes waters from contamination, including nuclear waste leakage; and

WHEREAS, both the Canadian and United States government recognized the importance of anticipating, preventing and responding to threats to Great Lakes waters under the *2012 Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes Water Quality*; and

WHEREAS, the potential damage to the Great Lakes from any leak or breach of radioactivity at the proposed repository site far outweigh any suggested economic benefit.

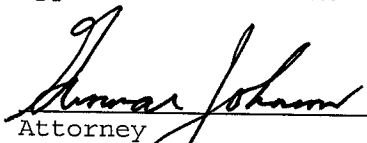
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth city council, in order to protect the Great Lakes, and its tributaries, hereby states its opposition to the proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station or any other proposition for the construction of a nuclear waste repository within the Great Lakes Basin.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth hereby urges the governments of Ontario and Canada to reject and seek alternatives to the proposal by Ontario

Power Generation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Canada's Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq, Governor Mark Dayton, U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken, U.S. Representative Rick Nolan, State Senators Roger Reinert and Tom Bakk, and State Representatives, Tom Huntley, Mary Murphy, and Erik Simonson, as well as Joint Review Panel Deep Geological Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Case Reference Number 17520, Panel Co-Manager, Ms. Debra Myles, all Members of Ontario's Provincial Parliament and all Members of Canada's Parliament.

Approved as to form:



Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution is a statement of opposition to a proposal by Ontario Power Generation to construct a nuclear waste burial facility near the shore of Lake Huron.