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CITY OF ST. LOUIS

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WHEREAS, we have been advised of legislation pending in the United States Congress (as embodied in HR1270/S.104, titled the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997), which could lead to the transport, by railway and highway, of shipments of high-level radioactive waste through the Metropolitan St. Louis area; and

WHEREAS, the shipments would consist of irradiated fuel rods which have been stockpiled for decades at several dozen nuclear reactors throughout the Eastern and Southern parts of this country; and

WHEREAS, in March 1987, a train transporting radioactive waste from the Three Mile Island reactor was involved in a collision with a stalled automobile at the intersection of Macklind and Manchester Avenues in the City of St. Louis, vividly reminding us that accidents can happen at any time; and

WHEREAS, there are many unanswered questions regarding the safety of transporting and storing radioactive waste; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is without sufficient trained emergency personnel, equipment, and financial resources to safeguard its residents in the event of a nuclear transport accident, and the shipment of nuclear waste materials through the City of St. Louis would therefore be a major risk; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we are opposed to any federal or state legislation which would permit the transportation of radioactive high-level waste through the Metropolitan St. Louis area until such time as a deep-geologic repository has been sited, built and placed in operation for the permanent disposal of the nation's high-level radioactive waste; and we further request that the Missouri Congressional delegation, along with State Elected Officials work together to defeat such legislation in order to protect and benefit all residents of the State of Missouri; and we direct the Clerk of this Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the Missouri Congressional delegation, State-wide Elected Officials, and the Public Safety Director for the State of Missouri upon its adoption by this Board.

Introduced on the 6th day of February, 1998 by:

Honorable Stephen Conway, Alderman 8th Ward
Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward
Honorable Marit Clark, Alderwoman 8th Ward

Adopted this the 6th day of February, 1998 as attested by:


Fred F. Staffin
Clerk, Board of Aldermen


Francis G. Slay
President, Board of Aldermen

passed unanimously
2/8/98