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Resolution on the Transportation of Nuclear Waste Approved August 26, 2003 At the Convention

whereas, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy has made recommendations to President George W. Bush which has been accepted by the President and passed by both Houses of Congress that Yucca Mountain be chosen as the site to dump 77,000 tons of deadly radioactive waste, and

WHEREAS, Yucca Mountain is only 90 miles from Las Vegas with its nearing 2,000,000 inhabitants, and

WHEREAS, such nuclear wastes will be dangerously radioactive for 200,000 to 800,000 years according to press reports, and will pose a significant threat, through groundwater contamination to the health of Las Vegas citizens and even neighboring states, and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of shipments of deadly waste through 43 states, passing within one half mile of the homes of 50 million people, will be carried out over 24 years, and

WHEREAS, such shipments over water via barges poses an enormous threat to the health and safety of American citizens in a number of states, and

WHEREAS, the shipments by rail over roadbeds that have already proven to be unsafe again poses a threat to all Americans, and

WHEREAS, the shipments by heavy duty trucks and the increase in vehicular traffic throughout the United States of America over the lifetime of these continuing shipments poses an even greater threat to the health and safety of all Americans, and

whereas, the statistics for such a large number of shipments indicate that even if no intentional terrorists attacks are assumed, between 70 and 310 accidents, with possible catastrophic consequences, would be expected over the operating life of the dump, and

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WHEREAS, members of the Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans (NARA) as well as members of other affiliated organizations that have many members in Nevada, and the states through which these shipments will pass, and those who live along transportation corridors to be used (highways, railroads, rivers and lakes), and

WHEREAS, these members and their families and descendants would suffer irreparable damage to their lives and their health, if this decision were to be put into effect, and

THEREFORE BE IT BE RESOLVED, that this convention go on record as being strongly opposed to the decision to use Yucca Mountain as the site of a nuclear waste dump and that this organization be committed to opposing nuclear waste being stored at Yucca Mountain and that every effort to delay or prevent such storage be supported by the Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans (NARA) and this resolution be communicated to all Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans members urging them to support this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this convention go on record as supporting alternative energy including wind power, geothermal power, solar power, and the conversion of coal as an environmentally safe fuel for all power plants in these United States.

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