

**TOWN OF MACON  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING LIFTING THE BAN ON URANIUM MINING IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA THAT POSES AN ENVIRONMENTAL THREAT TO THE ROANOKE RIVER BASIN AND TO THE CITIZENS OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA LIVING IN THE BASIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Macon Board of Commissioners recognizes that a healthy and sustainable environment is important to the citizens, the economy and the need for supply of Quality water in the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a proposed uranium mining and milling operation at Coles Hill in Pittsylvania County, VA, which would require lifting the current ban on such operations in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2011, the City of Virginia Beach released the findings of its study of impacts of proposed uranium mining and milling on its water supply coming from Lake Gaston; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Virginia Beach study concluded that in the event of a mill tailing confinement cell failure, the tailings will be washed downstream and will significantly impact water quality in Kerr Lake Reservoir and Lake Gaston resulting in radiation levels in the water 10-20 times above the Safe Drinking Water Act levels; and

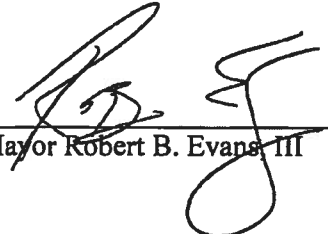
**WHEREAS**, the Town of Macon Board of Commissioners recognizes that the event modeled in the City of Virginia Beach study is rare but the magnitude of potential impacts on the Basin's eco-system and the communities is too great to leave it to chance; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the presence of the uranium mill in the Basin that can be used to process ore mined at other mining sites in the Basin and/or throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, including but not limited to Orange, Madison, Fauquier, Culpeper, Patrick, and Floyd Counties, the Basin that serves as a drinking water source for over one million people could face increased risks associated with uranium mining, milling, and storage of radioactive waste; and

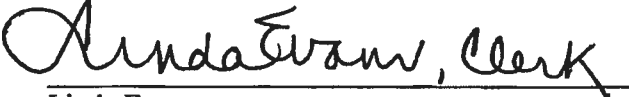
**WHEREAS**, the best available scientific information indicates that the social, environmental, health and economic impacts of proposed uranium mining and milling in Virginia outweigh expected benefits to the Basin residents in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Macon Board of Commissioners goes on public record in opposition to lifting the ban on uranium mining in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT KNOWN** that a quorum of the Town of Macon Board of Commissioners was present at a meeting held on this day of May 3, 2011 and the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of all members, and opposed by none; and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the minutes and is in full force and effect.

  
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Mayor Robert B. Evans, III

Attest:

  
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Linda Evans

Clerk to the Board, Town of Macon