

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING LIFTING THE BAN ON URANIUM MINING IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

Whereas the Town of Warrenton Board of Commissioners recognizes that a healthy and sustainable environment is important to the citizens, the economy and water quality in the Roanoke River Basin; and

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

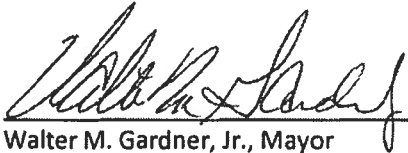
Whereas the City of Virginia Beach conducted a study that concluded that in the event of a mill tailing confinement cell failure, the tailings will be washed downstream and will significantly impact water quality in the Kerr Lake Reservoir and Lake Gaston resulting in radiation levels in the water 10-20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

Whereas, the Town of Warrenton 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, 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,

Now, therefore it is resolved that the Town of Warrenton Board of Commissioners oppose the lifting of the ban on uranium mining in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Resolved this 11th Day of April, 2011,



Walter M. Gardner, Jr., Mayor



John Freeman, Clerk