

RESOLUTION

by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners

*In Opposition to Lifting the Ban on Uranium Mining in Virginia
and the Resulting Environmental Threat to Vance County Citizens*

WHEREAS, there is a proposed uranium mining and milling operation in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, which, if approved, would require lifting of the current ban against such operations in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke River Basin, the source of potable drinking water for over one million people in Virginia and North Carolina, could be environmentally threatened in the event of unanticipated uranium mining and milling failures, thus potentially placing these citizens in jeopardy of losing their primary water supply; and

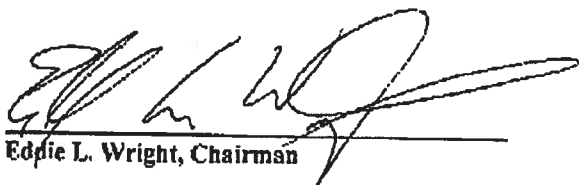
WHEREAS, a recent study by the City of Virginia Beach concluded that in the event of such operational failures, water quality in the Kerr Lake Reservoir and Lake Gaston could be adversely affected, resulting in elevated levels of radiation in the water as much as ten to twenty times above acceptable levels as set forth by the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the Kerr Lake Reservoir is the sole water source for the City of Henderson, Kittrell Water Association, and the new Vance County Water District; and

WHEREAS, the environmental risks of lifting the ban on uranium mining seem to significantly outweigh the potential economic benefits of such operations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vance County Board of Commissioners does go on record in firm opposition to lifting the current ban on uranium mining in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This, the fourth day of April, 2011.


Eddie L. Wright, Chairman