A Resolution
URGING
THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE U.S. SENATE NOT TO ORDER THE TRANSPORTATION OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL RODS FROM COMMERCIAL POWER PLANTS THROUGH THE STATE OF INDIANA PRIOR TO THE CESSION OF COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION IN THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, The Nuclear Waste Policy Act was designed to allow the transportation of spent nuclear fuel rods from commercial power plants only after a permanent disposal facility has been designated by the President; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there are pending amendments in Congress to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act which would order the transportation of spent nuclear fuel rods from commercial power plants as early as 1999; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Transportation data concerning accidents involving hazardous materials demonstrate that accidents involving spent nuclear fuel rods from commercial power plants; and

WHEREAS, Indiana does not possess adequate personnel or equipment to respond to accidents involving spent fuel rods from commercial power plants; and

WHEREAS, The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has concluded that on-site storage of spent nuclear fuel rods from commercial power plants is both available and safe for a period of 100 years; and

WHEREAS, The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, the non-partisan scientific oversight body for the nation's program involving spent nuclear fuel rods from commercial power plants, has found no reason to pursue interim storage at a centralized location; and

WHEREAS, The nuclear power industry plans to continue generating spent nuclear fuel rods at commercial power plants whether a permanent disposal facility is established or not; and

WHEREAS, Nuclear power has proven to be uneconomical. Permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel rods from commercial power plants requires sites capable of isolating the rods from the environment for a period of 250,000 years and finding such sites has proven elusive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana, that we are vehemently opposed to the transportation of spent nuclear fuel rods from commercial power plants through the State of Indiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana, strongly urge the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate not to order the transportation of spent nuclear fuel rods prior to the cessation of commercial nuclear power generation in the United States.

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana this 1st day of January, 1999.

ATTEST: Katie Hall
CITY CLERK

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor for his approval and signature this 2nd day of June, 1999.