

A RESOLUTION

Strongly urging the United States Government to cancel any plans it may currently have, as well as any plans it may be developing, relative to the storage or disposal of nuclear wastes in the Pacific Basin.

1 WHEREAS, the State Department of the United States Government has recently
2 made public the initiation of negotiations with the Japanese Government
3 regarding the possibility of storing nuclear wastes on an American-owned
4 island in the Pacific Basin; and

5 WHEREAS, the Pacific Basin has already been the site of extensive
6 atmospheric nuclear testing which has released massive amounts of radioactive
7 material into the atmosphere and adjacent ocean areas, as well as onto
8 islands in the area, thereby giving the peoples of both the North and South
9 Pacific all too intimate experiences with nuclear energy, its by-products and
10 aftereffects; and

11 WHEREAS, the people of Micronesia have witnessed the disastrous
12 impact that nuclear testing conducted more than 3 decades ago has had on
13 islands and large numbers of people in the Marshall Islands; and

14 WHEREAS, the world-wide nuclear industry and the agencies and departments
15 of the United States Government, as well as other governments around the
16 world, have been unable to develop a safe method for the storage or disposal
17 of nuclear wastes on continental land masses; and

18 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress that, until such time as a
19 fully effective and safe method for the storage or disposal of nuclear wastes
20 has been developed and proven through a rigorously thorough testing program,
21 it is inappropriate to consider storing or disposing of such wastes in the
22 Pacific Basin as an expedient solution to a most difficult and perplexing

1 problem; and

2 WHEREAS, the delegates to the Micronesian Constitutional Convention of
3 1975, who drafted the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia,
4 placed strong restrictions on the testing, storage, use or disposal of
5 radioactive substances; now, therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,
7 First Regular Session, 1979 that the United States Government be strongly urged
8 to cancel any plans it may currently have, as well as any plans it may be
9 developing, relative to the storage or disposal of nuclear wastes in the
10 Pacific Basin; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be
12 transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the
13 Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Prime Minister of Japan, the
14 President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of
15 Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Office of Terri-
16 torial Affairs, and the High Commissioner.

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18 Adopted: June 14, 1979

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