A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATOR BURKE

RE: Expressing opposition to Ontario Power Generation's proposed nuclear waste dumping site

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation, an electricity company, intends to dump radiological waste near the Bruce Nuclear Power Plant site in Kincardine, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the site will be less than one mile from the shoreline of Lake Huron, 120 miles from the main drinking waters of Michigan, and 440 yards below lake level in a limestone cavern; and

WHEREAS, contaminated materials and equipment such as mops, rags, industrial items, contains resins, filters, and irradiated components from within the nuclear reactors themselves will be disposed of at the site; and

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation's original plan called for 200,000 cubic meters of radiological waste to be disposed of over a period of 30 to 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount of materials to be dumped has recently been doubled by Ontario Power Generation, and could be expanded to include expended nuclear fuel from decommissioned Canadian nuclear power plants; and

WHEREAS, within a decade of being sealed the site will not be actively monitored for radioactive leaks; and

WHEREAS, 40 million Canadian and American citizens from Lake Huron to the mouth of the Saint Lawrence Seaway could be adversely affected by radioactive waste if a leak occurs at the site; and

WHEREAS, the disposal of nuclear waste near the shoreline of Lake Huron presents a clear risk of contamination to Erie County's water supply.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature recognizes the dangers and risks that dumping radioactive waste at the Lake Huron site could pose to the residents of Erie County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature, expressed its opposition to the disposal of nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Erie County Legislature urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario reject Ontario Power Generation's proposal to dispose of nuclear waste and to seek an alternative site; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Legislature shall send certified copies of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canada's Prime Minister Stephan Harper and Canada's Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq, Ontario's Provincial Parliament and Canada's Parliament, Congressman Brian Higgins of the 26th District, Tom Reed of the 23rd District, Chris Collins of the 27th District, Louise Slaughter of the 25th District and US Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.

Fiscal Impact: None for Resolution.