

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS BURKE, MILLER-WILLIAMS & GRANT**

RE: Opposing a Nuclear Waste Dump on the Shores of Lake Huron

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are the largest fresh-water resource in the world, having been the driving factor for settlement, livelihood, and economic success for those who inhabit the Great Lakes regions of Canada and the United States, and serves as the drinking water source for more than 40 million people; and

WHEREAS, protecting the Great Lakes and preserving their cleanliness is a responsibility that has been passed down for generations, and one of which we must respect as the current tenants of this region; and

WHEREAS, Ontario Power Generation is proposing digging a hole approximately 680 meters deep to bury up to 400,000 cubic meters of radioactive nuclear waste in close proximity to the shores of Lake Huron, with the precise potency and nature of the waste unknown; and

WHEREAS, governments sometimes must make decisions that do not affect their current constituency, but have consequences for generations to come that cannot be reversed, and this decision will certainly impact future generations as unforeseen events could unleash this waste into surrounding area, including nearby Lake Huron and rest of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, in Western New York, we remember well the harmful effects of Love Canal, when waste that was buried breaks its containment and, mixing with rain, spreads through surrounding areas and poses a real public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the behavior of the waste in the event of flooding, fire, terrorist attacks, or earthquake is unknown, and could potentially lead to problems experienced with Love Canal when the thought-to-be contained waste is no longer dormant; and

WHEREAS, the decision on whether to approve of this project rests with the Canadian government, but will impact Canadians and Americans alike for centuries to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature voices its concern and disapproval of this project going forward and urges Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister for the Environment McKenna to deny Ontario Power Generation's request; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; the Honorable Catherine McKenna, Minister for the Environment, Canada; the International Joint Commission; Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz; the Honorable Members of the State Legislative Delegation from Erie County; and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for the County