



RESOLUTION

UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL COUNCIL

REFERENCE: Opposition to the Proposal by United States National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy to Establish a Strategic Uranium Reserve and Authorization to Submit Comments in Opposition

WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, approved June 6, 1940 and subsequently amended, provides in Article III that the governing body of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe ("Tribe") is the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and sets forth in Article V the powers of the Tribal Council exercised in this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is responsible for protecting and promoting the best interests of the communities and the members of the Tribe and the resources of the Reservation;

WHEREAS, the White Mesa community sits three miles south of the White Mesa Mill owned and managed by Energy Fuels Resources (USA) which process radioactive waste materials, such as uranium, and has not only far exceeded the period of time for its operations, but has accepted and processed materials that were not a part of its original design and has gone beyond the purposes for which the Mill operates;

WHEREAS, the operations of the White Mesa Mill has had severe health impacts on the residents of White Mesa and should cease entirely;

WHEREAS, in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, \$75,000,000 is set aside for the Department of Energy for a Uranium Reserve Program;

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy, through the National Nuclear Security Administration, has published a Request for Information from the public and has set a deadline of September 10, 2021, to receive comments (See Fed.Reg. Vol. 86, No. 152 pp 44007 to 44009);

WHEREAS, the action taken by this Resolution is in the best interests of the Tribe.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby opposes the creation of a Uranium Strategic Reserve and directs the Tribe's Justice Department and Environmental Programs Department to respond to the request for information by September 10, 2021; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is authorized to sign this Resolution and to take such further action as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted this 24th day of August, 2021.



Manuel Heart, Chairman
Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that there was a quorum of 6 Tribal Council Members present at the official meeting of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council held on August 24, 2021, that 5 voted for this Resolution, that 0 opposed with 0 abstaining, and that this Resolution was, therefore, duly adopted.



Marilynn House, Council Secretary
Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council

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