

*RESOLUTION OPPOSING FURTHER TESTING
AT THE NEVADA NUCLEAR TEST SITE*

WHEREAS, nuclear weapons testing – both above and below ground – performed at the Nevada Test Site has been shown to have disbursed radioactive material throughout the state of Utah and across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, many citizens of Salt Lake City living downwind from four decades of such tests have suffered negative health effects, including radiation poisoning, cancer, long term disability, and loss of life as a result of nuclear testing; and,

WHEREAS, the exhaustive and detailed research necessary to clearly and conclusively demonstrate that present nuclear testing would not cause a repeat of such negative effects on the citizens of Salt Lake City or any other area of Utah and the United States of America has not been openly provided for study and debate to the citizens of Salt Lake City; and,

WHEREAS, the resumption of testing at the Nevada Test Site, whether by the United States government or by the government of any other nation, without such exhaustive study and open explanation and debate is contrary to the principles of good deliberative government and does not fulfill the U.S. government's responsibility for the protection of its citizenry; and,

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of citizens of Utah successfully united to oppose plans by the United States Department of Defense for the Divine Strake nuclear simulation testing; and,

WHEREAS, it is broadly known that the concerns of citizens regarding Divine Strake were based on the contradictory and inadequate information regarding potential detrimental health effects of the Divine Strake test; and,

WHEREAS, absent the clear, uncontroverted and conclusive evidence that such testing will not again create negative health effects amongst the citizens of Salt Lake City, no further testing – above or below ground – should be permitted at the Nevada Test Site;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

that the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor Ross C. “Rocky” Anderson urges members of Congress, President George W. Bush and the governments of other nations, to cancel any present or potential future plans for testing at the Nevada Test Site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that a copy of this Resolution be sent to President George W. Bush, Utah’s Congressional Delegation and to Governor Jon Huntsman.

Passed by the City Council and the Mayor this 20th day of March, 2007.

*Ross C. “Rocky” Anderson
Salt Lake City Mayor*

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Salt Lake City Council Member, Chair*

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