

A Resolution to immediately amend the Canadian Nuclear Liability Act

Whereas the Nuclear Liability Act (NLA) was enacted and came into force in 1976 more than 30 years ago, and

Whereas this Act has set a limit of \$ 75 million of a liability to compensate for health effects and property damage from accidents at Canadian nuclear power plants and high-level radioactive waste facilities, and

Whereas this minimal coverage is intended to also cover claims from U.S. residents and businesses living near the shores of Lake Ontario and Lake Huron, possibly affected by a radiation plume, and

Whereas this Act has never been amended and updated over these more than 30 years, and

Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources in their report 'Canada's Nuclear Reactors: How Much Safety Is Enough?' released in 2001, in Recommendation #8, asked that the government take immediate action to amend the Nuclear Liability Act, and increase and maintain the mandatory operator held insurance coverage from the current 75 million dollars at an amount in line with the Paris and Vienna Conventions, which cited "over 600 million dollars", and

Whereas the Federal Auditor General has in several of her investigations found the government lacking in its duties to amend this legislation, and

Whereas no private homeowner's or business insurance policy will cover any radiation related damage or evacuation expenses, and

Whereas many of the Canadian reactors are over 30 years old, need expensive repairs and are more prone to accidents and malfunctions, and

Whereas there are plans by the Ontario Government to permit the construction of several additional new reactors.

Therefore be it resolved that Great Lakes United ask the Prime Minister of Canada to direct the Minister of Natural Resources to immediately amend the Nuclear Liability Act to increase the mandatory operator held insurance coverage to the present international monetary level and update and amend the Nuclear Liability Act at least at every five year interval.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY GREAT LAKES UNITED AT THE JUNE 17, 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN TORONTO, ONTARIO.



Molly M. Flanagan, Secretary