

WHEREAS, Minnesota encompasses the headwaters of three major North American watersheds and contains over 15,000 lakes, over 90,000 miles of waterways, and nearly 9,000 square miles of wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the quality of Minnesota's extensive surface water and groundwater resources is critical to the economy, health, and welfare of the state; and

WHEREAS, repositories located in arid regions of the United States would greatly increase the margin of safety at a nuclear waste disposal site; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature are responsible for protecting the economy, health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Minnesota during the federal radioactive waste repository siting process and at all times; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it declares Minnesota to be in opposition to the siting of a high-level radioactive waste repository within the boundaries of the state because of concern over the effect of radiation releases from a repository on the headwaters and downstream of our three major North American watersheds and on the economy, health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is directed to prepare certified copies of this memorial and transmit them to the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved without governor's signature June 27, 1985

RESOLUTION 2 — H.F.No. 7

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to retain the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes.

WHEREAS, the federal income tax deduction for state and local income, sales, and property taxes has been a critical feature of fiscal federalism since 1913; and

WHEREAS, the deduction for state and local taxes strengthens federalism by enhancing the ability of state and local governments to serve their citizens independently; and

WHEREAS, the deduction for state and local taxes reduces excessive tax burdens that result from fiscal disparities among states; and

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WHEREAS, the deduction for state and local taxes dampens destructive tax competition among competing jurisdictions by reducing the disparity in tax burdens; and

WHEREAS, the expanding federal deficit represents a growing threat to state and local government finances, to our nation's economic health, and to future generations; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments are willing to do their part to improve and simplify the federal tax system and to reduce the growing federal deficit; and

WHEREAS, the general economic benefits of federal tax reform must be balanced with the vital intergovernmental objectives served by the deduction for state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, prominent legislative proposals for the outright elimination of the deduction for state and local taxes would upset this intergovernmental balance; and

WHEREAS, this intergovernmental balance can best be achieved by retaining the deduction for state and local taxes; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that Congress should enact tax reform legislation that retains the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of Minnesota shall transmit certified copies of this memorial resolution to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

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