

**RESOLUTION URGING HEALTH STUDY AND  
INFORMATION ABOUT NEVADA TEST SITE**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: LaWanna Shurtliff**

**This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the United States Department of Health and Human Services to establish and fund a Nevada Test Site Fallout Health Effects Subcommittee and a Nevada Test Site Fallout Health Information Network to study the effects of fallout from the Nevada Test Site.**

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

WHEREAS, beginning in 1951, the residents of Utah were involuntarily exposed to radiation released from the Nevada Test Site and were the most heavily exposed population in the United States;

WHEREAS, since fallout from the Nevada Test Site began, many citizens of the state of Utah have developed cancers and other related health effects which may be due to radiation exposure;

WHEREAS, the federal government has authorized the creation and funding of six radiation exposure health effects subcommittees;

WHEREAS, five radiation exposure health subcommittees have already been established for sites producing far less radiation exposure than that created by the Nevada Test Site;

WHEREAS, the fifth committee was recently established, leaving only one remaining slot for a radiation exposure health effects subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the people of Utah that the remaining radiation exposure health effects subcommittee be allocated to the Nevada Test Site:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Department of Health and Human Services to establish and fund a Nevada Test Site Fallout Health Effects Subcommittee and a Nevada Test Site Fallout Health Information Network, with the regional headquarters to be located in the state of Utah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science Policy; the director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and the administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.