

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

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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.