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## RESOLUTION

On December 9, 2006, a joint session of the Annual Meeting of members of Environmentalists For Nuclear Energy (EFN-USA) and the Board of EFN-International adopted a **Resolution** in support of a GNEP (Global Nuclear Energy Partnership) facility at the Hanford Site, and the continuation of the FFTF (Fast Flux Test Facility) as an important component of that program.

The GNEP initiative intends to demonstrate and deploy, in the USA and around the world, environment–friendly technologies to recycle nuclear fuel, minimize nuclear waste and reduce the risks of nuclear proliferation. Achieving these important objective will serve to protect the environment and provide for a better, cleaner, safer and more ecological future.

Fast–flux neutrons are essential in testing new nuclear fuel cycles, and for the development of reactors in the program of the Generation IV International Forum (GIF). The FFTF is a unique installation in these regards.

Because of Hanford's many years of experience in nuclear energy research and in operating the FFTF, the Hanford Site is perfectly suited for the development and continuation of research in the GNEP program with the FFTF as one of the major facilities.

With its fast neutron flux, the FFTF is also a unique instrument in the United States for the production of radio-isotopes used for medical diagnosis and treatment, saving thousands of lives every year.

EFN considers the location of a major GNEP research center at Hanford as a sound choice, and underlines that the FFTF is an essential facility for this research. It will contribute to the development of clean and safe nuclear fuel cycles and the development of Generation IV reactors, to make sure that future generations have a continuing supply of abundant and affordable power – long after oil and gas are depleted – so as to assure the continuation of our civilization for millenia, safely and without harm to the environment.

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