WARD CENTER FOR NUCLEAR SCIENCES (WCNS)

WHEREAS the WCNS is accomplishing and expanding its mission to provide safe analytical and testing facilities for the education and research activities of faculty, staff, and students at Cornell,

WHEREAS the WCNS is an open center available to users from all departments and colleges,

WHEREAS its resources are also available to users outside Cornell as part of the public service functions of the University, symbolized by its status as the Land Grant University of the State of New York,

WHEREAS the WCNS has an increasing financial base and proposes to reduce its University subsidy from $200,000 per year to zero effective July 1, 2001,

WHEREAS there is an expectation that additional operating revenues for the Center will be forthcoming from the U.S. Department of Energy and NSF,

WHEREAS the cost to Cornell University's endowment is estimated to be at least 4.01 million dollars if the TRIGA reactor were to be decommissioned,

WHEREAS the Gamma Facility of the WCNS is also heavily used by Cornell researchers, and would cost approximately an additional 3.0 to 4.0 million dollars to relocate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Faculty Senate reaffirms its 1996 recommendation that Cornell University operate the nuclear reactor, gamma cell, and associated analytical facilities as the Ward Center for Nuclear Sciences, and

THAT effective immediately, Cornell University actively support the U.S. Senate authorization bill, S.242 “Department of Energy University Nuclear Science and Engineering Act.”

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