

RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY E. G. MINTON, LOVINGTON
AT THE THIRD ANNUAL NEW MEXICO WATER CONFERENCE,
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY, NOVEMBER 7, 1958

WHEREAS, The Federal Government is embarked on a vital program of vast significance to provide fresh water from the sea and from underground deposits of marginal brackish water in the Great Plains States, and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government has announced its intention to build several plants to demonstrate the feasibility of such desalinization processes, two of such plants to be constructed in the Great Plains States, and

WHEREAS, the impact of this program will be felt on the lives of millions of people not only in the waterless West but in the East, in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, in Latin America and in Australia, where growing needs for water are rapidly outstripping all available fresh water supplies, and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico is known to have nearly a billion acre feet of brackish water regularly flowing through a system of underground aquifers, enough reclaimable water to bring this region into an era of expanded prosperity for the benefit of all the people, and

WHEREAS, New Mexico with its healthful, invigorating climate, its matchless natural beauty, its abundance of oil, natural gas, coal and atomic fuels, could comfortably support several times its present population, vast industrial payrolls, and thousands of profitable farms and ranches, had it more useable water, thus enabling it to relieve the mounting population pressure of other sections, and

WHEREAS, legislation providing for the construction of these new water desalinization plants was originated and sponsored by New Mexico's own illustrious Senator Clinton Anderson, a distinguished lawmaker with courage and vision of whom all New Mexico is proud, and

WHEREAS, the administration of this program has been the responsibility of the Department of Interior through its resourceful Office of Saline Waters, competently aided by the Atomic Energy Commission, and

WHEREAS, New Mexico State University of Agriculture, Engineering, and Science, the Water Resources Council, Inc., the New Mexico Economic Development Commission, the Southspring Foundation, the Charles Lathrop Pack Foundation have all labored diligently to bring about this Conference which has been attended by more than three hundred businessmen,

technicians, educators, ranchers farmers, and government leaders from all the Great Plains Region, from Washington, from New York, and from abroad, focusing worldwide attention on the seriousness of the water problem, and what, in part, this nation expects to do about it.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, the Secretary of the Interior, an estimable public servant who discharges his heavy responsibility with diligence, devotion, and rare competence, that Clinton P. Anderson, who fathered this good law, and the several groups responsible for bringing about this useful assembly be each voted the unanimous Commendation of this Conference, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Standing Committee be appointed. That Rogers Aston of Roswell, who is a member of the New Mexico State University Water Advisory Committee, Vice President of the Southspring Foundation, Vice Chairman of the Water Resources Council, Inc., be Chairman of this Committee. This Committee to wait personally upon Senator Anderson and Secretary Seaton and to present them with a copy of this Resolution and such Standing Committee to work with the State Engineer and others technically competent to draft plans necessary to make it feasible, with all dispatch, to procure the sites and to meet other such requirements necessary for the construction of one of the water reclamation plants in New Mexico, and such Committee to report at the next Conference, or sooner, as it sees fit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Governor Mechem, whose Economic Development Commission has already taken some initiative in this matter, to Congressman Montoya, who has followed its development with keenest interest, to Governor Elect John Burroughs, to Members of the Congressional Delegation, to the State Engineer, to Members of the State Legislature, to the President of New Mexico State University, the heads of Southspring Foundation, the Water Resources Council, Inc., and the Charles Lathrop Pack Foundation, and to the Press.

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