

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Two

Resolution 92-3

To call upon health, environmental, political and military authorities to confer and bring the concern of propellant bag burning to a resolution and the practice of propellant bag burning should cease at the Massachusetts Military Reservation until a satisfactory resolution is achieved.

WHEREAS, The five towns of the Upper Cape have elevations in cancer incidence and mortality for certain kinds of cancer as compared to state-wide averages and the nearby Lower Cape region; and

WHEREAS, There are many known or suspected environmental hazards affecting the Upper Cape including air contaminants from a variety of sources including the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR); and

WHEREAS, The general public pressed for an in-depth study of the relationship between the environmental hazards and cancer rates and on December 9, 1988 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts contracted with Boston University to conduct an epidemiologic study; and

WHEREAS, The study found among residents located near the gun and mortar positions on the MMR an association between possible airborne exposures and the risk of lung and breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, A constituent of the propellants (2,4 - dinitrotoluene) used on the MMR has been rated a probable human carcinogen by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, The results of the Boston University Cancer Incidence Study suggest that the practice of propellant bag burning should not take place so close to populated areas.

NOW THEREFORE,

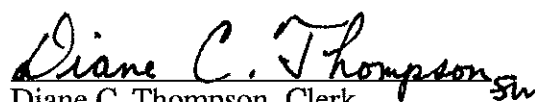
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates:

Health, environmental, political and military authorities should confer and bring this concern to a resolution and the practice of propellant bag burning should cease at the Massachusetts Military Reservation until a satisfactory resolution is achieved.

March 4, 1992

The foregoing resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, with Delegates representing 100% of the population of Barnstable County present and voting at a meeting held March 4, 1992.

Attested by:


Diane C. Thompson, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates