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" R E S O L U T I O N "

In the plan of the development of the Missouri River, a dam is proposed at Garrison, North Dakota, to impound water for flood control, navigation, and power development. The construction of such a dam will inundate some of the most fertile agricultural land in McKenzie and Williams Counties, and if the dam is constructed to a height of 1850, will imperil or destroy the Lewis and Clark and the Buford-Trenton irrigation projects, which will result in a permanent loss of production from the farm and ranch units affected in addition to the displacement of many farm families.

The construction of the Garrison Dam to a pool level of 1830 feet or less will result in much less destruction of property in McKenzie and Williams counties and will make safe the existing Lewis and Clark and the Buford-Trenton irrigation districts without interfering with the dam's primary purpose of water storage and the production of power.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Board of Directors representing the Watford City Association of Commerce respectfully urge the joint session of Governors, the representatives of the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Officers of the U. S. Army Engineers Corps meeting at Omaha, August 16, 1945 to plan the construction of the Garrison Dam at a pool level which will cause the least possible property damage consistent with the purpose of the integrated plan for the development of the Missouri River Basin.

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