

## OAK RIDGE RESERVATION COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE

**A RESOLUTION IN RESPONSE to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announcement to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Relocation of the NOAA Atmospheric Turbulence and Diffusion Division of the Air Resources Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.**

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Oversight Agreement was established between the State of Tennessee (State) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in May 1991 to assure the citizens of Tennessee that their health, safety, and environment are being protected by DOE; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has been a lead agency to implement the Tennessee Oversight Agreement, including the provision to enhance public education and intergovernmental relations with the affected local government jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, TDEC established the Department of Energy Oversight Division, and located the Division's main office in Oak Ridge, to help implement the Tennessee Oversight Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance (ORRCA) was established in 2012 to implement the local government provisions of the Tennessee Oversight Agreement and consists of the jurisdictions of Anderson County, Knox County, Morgan County, Roane County, and the City of Oak Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, a notice was published in the *Federal Register* on November 3, 2016 seeking comments on the preparation of an environmental assessment that could result in the relocation of the NOAA Atmospheric Turbulence and Diffusion Division (ATDD) of the Air Resources Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the ATDD's history is linked integrally with that of the Oak Ridge community, dating back to the 1940s when the Atomic Energy Commission requested a meteorological survey of the Oak Ridge area to provide detailed information regarding wind flow and dispersion patterns; and

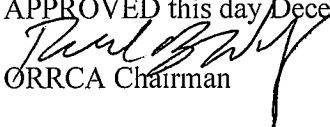
**WHEREAS**, given the proximity of Oak Ridge's population to the U.S. Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration facilities, ATDD's mission in Oak Ridge continues to be vital to the health and safety of the Oak Ridge community; and

**WHEREAS**, if the ATDD were to move outside of the City of Oak Ridge, the impacts would be immediate and adverse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that members of the Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance support the expansion of the Atmospheric Turbulence and Diffusion Division within the City of Oak Ridge and urges NOAA to work with the City of Oak Ridge to identify opportunities for such expansion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to NOAA/ATDD in response to the agency's request for comments.

APPROVED this day December 5, 2016

  
ORRCA Chairman