TOWN OF TIMNATH RESOLUTION NO. 4-SERIES 2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TIMNATH EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO THE MINING OF URANIUM IN THE VICINITY OF NUNN, COLORADO

WHEREAS, Canadian company PowerTech Uranium Corporation ("PowerTech") is considering a uranium mining operation across nearly 6000 acres of land in the vicinity of Nunn, Colorado, about 25 miles northeast of the Town of Timnath ("Town"), known as the Centennial Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, Powertech proposes to extract the uranium using in-situ mining techniques; and

WHEREAS, in-situ uranium mining is a newer method of mining uranium, and some research has shown that the environmental impacts and threats to public health and safety posed by the process are significant; and

WHEREAS, the risks associated with in-situ leaching mining include, but are not limited to, the possible contamination of groundwater and degradation of natural groundwater conditions through the groundwater restoration process utilized after completion of the leaching operations; and

WHEREAS, because the mining operations involved in the in-situ process and the potential damage caused by such process occur below the surface, early detection of such problems may not be possible; and

WHEREAS, the Town is experiencing rapid residential and commercial growth at this time; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Town Council of the Town of Timnath ("Council") have informed themselves about this Project by examination of relevant information and by attendance at informational meetings and workshops concerning the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the Colorado North Front Range and, in particular, the site presently under consideration by PowerTech is not a suitable location for uranium mining, both because the level of risk to the environment and to the health and safety of area residents that is presented by uranium mining cannot be determined with any degree of certainty and because the presence of such an operation in the proposed location will almost certainly have a detrimental effect on the image and economic well-being of the Town; and

WHEREAS, for those reasons, the Council is strongly opposed to the Project and wishes to convey its concerns and position of opposition to those county, state and federal agencies that may review the Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Timnath, Colorado as follows:

Section 1. The Town Council ("Council") of the Town of Timnath ("Town") hereby expresses its strong opposition to in-situ, open pit, and leach mining project such as the proposed Centennial Project and urges all county, state and federal agencies involved in the permitting process for such projects to recognize that locating such projects along the North Front Range and in close proximity to the Town is ill advised because it may well be injurious to the heath, safety and/or welfare to the residents in the area and do irreparable harm to the economic and environmental well-being of the Town.

<u>Section 2.</u> That for the foregoing reasons, the Council further urges such agencies to deny any and all permit applications for such projects.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Introduced, passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the Town Council this $\underline{b}^{\text{th}}$ day of February 2008 by a vote of 5^{th} yes 0^{th} no.

TOWN OF TIMNATH

Donna Benson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda N. Salas, Town Clerk