

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 82

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1 **Relating to:** recommending the closing of the navy’s Project ELF transmitter.

2 Whereas, the end of the Cold War has eliminated whatever justification existed
3 for the operation of the navy’s Project ELF transmitter, near Clam Lake in Ashland
4 County; and

5 Whereas, operating Project ELF is redundant to existing communications
6 systems, wasting between \$16 million and \$20 million per year; and

7 Whereas, current efforts to improve the ELF transmitter site are projected to
8 cost \$2 million, further entrenching the existing physical plant near Clam Lake; and

9 Whereas, the environmental and public health concerns raised by Project ELF
10 remain unresolved, with the growing body of scientific evidence, including reports
11 by the Environmental Protection Agency, pointing to adverse effects caused by
12 extremely low frequency electromagnetic fields such as those generated by Project
13 ELF; and

14 Whereas, civilian oversight of the military is a cornerstone of American
15 democracy; and

