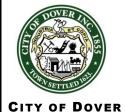
CITY OF DOVER - RESOLUTION



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Resolution Re: Calling on the U.S. Government to Lead a Global

Effort to Prevent Nuclear War

WHEREAS: Global arsenals have over 14,000 nuclear weapons, and most are far more destructive than

those that killed hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in

1945;

WHEREAS: The detonation of even a small number of these weapons anywhere in the world could have

catastrophic human, environmental, and economic consequences that could affect everyone

on the planet including in Dover, New Hampshire;

WHEREAS: A large-scale nuclear war would likely kill hundreds of millions of people directly and cause

unimaginable environmental damage, producing conditions wherein billions of people

would likely die from starvation or disease;

WHEREAS: The United States maintains nuclear missiles on prompt alert, capable of being launched

within minutes after a presidential order, which greatly increases the risk of an accidental,

mistaken or unauthorized launch;

WHEREAS: The United States, as well as the United Kingdom, China, France and Russia, are obligated

under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward

eliminating their nuclear arsenals;

WHEREAS: In July 2017, 122 nations approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons,

which makes it illegal under international law to develop, test, produce, manufacture, or

otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

WHEREAS: United States taxpayers may spend \$1.2 trillion -- over \$4 million every hour every day - for

> the next 30 years to operate, sustain, and modernize nuclear forces which may exacerbate nuclear dangers by fueling a nuclear arms race and diverting crucial resources needed to

assure the well-being of Dover's residents;

WHEREAS: In 2017 New Hampshire taxpayers as a whole averaged \$53.56 per capita in 2017 federal

taxes toward the cost of producing, deploying and maintaining nuclear weapons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND DOVER CITY COUNCIL:

That the City of Dover, New Hampshire calls on the United States government to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;

Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack;

Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;

Cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and

Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of New Hampshire's Congressional Delegation

AUTHORIZATION

Approved as to Funding: Daniel R. Lynch Sponsored by: Councilor Dennis Shanahan

Finance Director Ward 5

Approved as to Legal Joshua M. Wyatt Form and Compliance: City Attorney

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City Clerk

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Councilor Shanahan moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Keane. Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

VOTING RECORD			
Date of Vote: 08/14/2019	YES	NO	
Mayor Karen Weston	X		
Deputy Mayor Robert Carrier, At Large	X		
Councilor Michelle Muffett-Lipinski, Ward 1	X		
Councilor Dennis Ciotti, Ward 2	X		
Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux, Ward 3	X		
Councilor Marcia Gasses, Ward 4	X		
Councilor Dennis Shanahan, Ward 5	X		
Councilor Matthew Keane, Ward 6	X		
Councilor Lindsey Williams, At Large	X		
Total Votes:	9	0	
Resolution does pass.			

RESOLUTION BACKGROUND MATERIAL: None

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