

## CITIZEN PETITION ARTICLES

### Article 28 – Petition Article

#### “Call to Prevent Nuclear War” Resolution/Warrant Article

*Whereas* nine nations together have over 14,000 nuclear weapons in their arsenals, most far more destructive than the two that killed hundreds of thousands in Japan in 1945;

*Whereas* detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic human and environmental consequences (called “**Nuclear Winter**”) affecting everyone on the planet;

*Whereas* the United States maintains hundreds of nuclear missiles in underground silos on hair-trigger alert, to be launched within minutes with great risk of an accidental, mistaken or unauthorized launch;

*Whereas* the United States reserves the right to use nuclear weapons first, making a nuclear war more likely;

*Whereas* the U.S. president has the sole and unchecked authority to order the use of nuclear weapons;

*Whereas* over the next 30 years, the United States plans to spend an estimated \$1.7 trillion to replace its entire nuclear arsenal;

*Whereas* the United States, as well as Britain, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Town of Exeter** calls upon the U.S. government to spearhead 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.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that our **Selectboard** will send copies of this resolution with a record of its adoption vote to Governor Sununu and to all members of our Congressional Delegation.

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

### Article 29 – Petition Article

#### 2019 Citizens Petition for the Town of Exeter, NH

By petition of Nicholas Gray and other undersigned registered voters of Exeter, NH in an effort maintain a sustainable cost of living, request that the following article be placed on the 2019 Town Warrant.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year’s actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 3.0%?

(3/5 vote required)

Not recommended by the Select Board 0-5.

### Article 30 – Petition Article