

## Proclamation

### Back from the Brink: The Call to Prevent Nuclear War

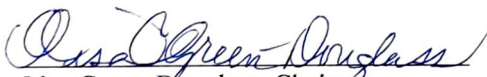
- Whereas,** nuclear weapons are the most destructive, deadly weapons ever created by humankind, with immense destructive capacity and trans-generational radiation effects; and
- Whereas,** nine nations, including the United States, collectively have approximately 13,355 nuclear weapons in their arsenals, most of which would be far more destructive than the U.S. atomic bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in 1945; and
- Whereas,** the detonation of even a small number of these weapons risks catastrophic human and environmental consequences, potentially affecting everyone on the planet; and
- Whereas,** the United States continues to reserve the right to use nuclear weapons first, which reduces the threshold for nuclear use and makes a nuclear war more likely; and
- Whereas,** over the next 30 years, the U.S. plans to spend an estimated \$1.7 trillion to replace its entire nuclear weapons infrastructure and upgrade its nuclear bombs and warheads, and the bombers, missiles and submarines that deliver them with more capable and useable versions; and
- Whereas,** the 2022 fiscal year federal tax cost to Iowa taxpayers was over 688 million dollars for weapons of mass destruction that must never be used; and
- Whereas,** The U.S. is obligated under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to take concrete steps to eliminate its nuclear arsenals.

**Now, therefore,** be it resolved that we, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim support of:

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in Johnson County, Iowa, and we call on the U.S. to welcome the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

Signed this 16th day of February, 2023, in Johnson County, Iowa.

  
Lisa Green-Douglass, Chairperson  
Johnson County Board of Supervisors

