

ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

August 6, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 23064

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: DECLARING MAYOR AND COUNCIL SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in July, 2017, 122 nations approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which will make it illegal under international law to develop, test, produce, manufacture, or otherwise acquire, possess and stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; and

WHEREAS, when 50 or more nations have formally ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, it will have attained the force of international law and will oblige all nations to adhere to its provisions; and

WHEREAS, nine nations currently have a collective nuclear arsenal of over 15,000 weapons, more than 9,000 of which are operationally deployed, most possessing a destructive potential greater than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in 1945, killing hundreds of thousands of people; and

WHEREAS, the United States continues its 'first use' policy which reduces the threshold for nuclear use and makes nuclear war more likely; and

WHEREAS, the production of new nuclear weapons threatens health and the environment by creating dangerous stockpiles of radioactive waste which will imperil future generations; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty, the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia are all obligated to take concrete steps towards the elimination of their nuclear arsenals; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, as well as dozens of municipalities, and hundreds of faith and environmental groups have all adopted resolutions in support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson hereby call on the United States to join the global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- renouncing the 'first use' option;
- ending the sole, unchecked authority of any President to launch a nuclear attack;
- removing U.S. nuclear weapons from their current hair-triggering status;
- working to reverse international plans to replace nuclear weapons with enhanced weapon systems;
- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed nations to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

SECTION 2. The actions described in Section 1 of this Resolution are consistent with the terms of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

SECTION 3. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Resolution.

SECTION 4. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Tucson that this Resolution become immediately effective, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, August 6, 2019.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY:

CITY MANAGER

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7/9/19