

CITY OF ASHEVILLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, August is a month of remembrance of the risk for catastrophic harm of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, the Asheville City Council proclaims appreciation for the service of the Western North Carolina Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility (WNCPSR) in reminding us what can happen from the use of nuclear weapons and to deal realistically with the threat; and

WHEREAS, WNCPSR has been a presence in our community for more than thirty years with a principal mission to constructively deal with the risk we face from the use of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, today we see an increased risk of the use of nuclear weapons today due to threats of their use in conflicts between nations, potential poor judgment of world leaders, misinterpretation of computerized warning systems and increasing risks of Cyber attacks; and

WHEREAS, there is a temptation to dismiss the risk of these scenarios as something that might occur on a distant continent; yet WNCPSR reminds us these risks endanger all of us and that there is no meaningful medical response to detonation of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, the WNCPSR Chapter adds its' voice by calling on congress to lead the effort to prevent nuclear war by: renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first; canceling the trillion dollar plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed nations to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor of the City of Asheville, do hereby sign this Proclamation in Recognition of the Service of the

Western North Carolina Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility

And the efforts made here locally, and encourage all citizens to support WNCPSR and urge legislators to take meaningful action to decrease the risk of nuclear weapons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Asheville, North Carolina, to be affixed this 27th day of August, 2019.



Esther E. Manheimer
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MAYOR