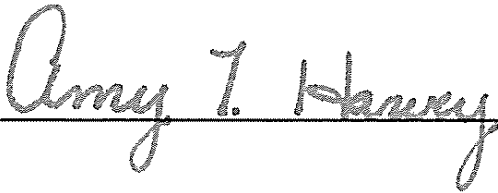


**I, Amy T. Harvey, Deputy Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of (2023-01-25/R-0.2) adopted by the Chapel Hill Town Council on January 25, 2023.**

**This the 26th day of January, 2023.**

  
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**Amy T. Harvey  
Deputy Town Clerk**



## **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ICAN CITIES APPEAL FOR THE UN TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (2023-01-25/R-0.2)**

WHEREAS, the existence and threatened use of nuclear weapons menace all humankind and the earth's environment; and

WHEREAS, while millions of children and families live in poverty, the money squandered, and the fortunes made through the manufacture, upgrading, maintenance, and sale of nuclear weapons being immoral; and

WHEREAS, the new generation of nuclear weapons that has been proposed will raise these costs significantly and burden us with weapons that are more destabilizing and put us more at risk; and

WHEREAS, Chapel Hill taxpayers are currently paying \$7.72million towards nuclear weapons and associated costs, and

WHEREAS, the threat of accidental or deliberate explosion of nuclear weapons is real and increasing, and nuclear accidents ["broken arrows"] include two bombs dropped near Eureka, North Carolina in 1961; and

WHEREAS, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize "for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons" and has launched its "Cities Appeal" to raise awareness in local communities and the media, recognizing that urban areas are the main targets of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, Chapel Hill has been a member of Mayors for Peace, an international coalition of more than 8,000 municipalities answering a call for cities "to transcend national borders and join in solidarity to work together to press for nuclear abolition".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chapel Hill Town Council supports the following statement and notifies the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal of that support:

"Our town is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that the residents of Chapel Hill have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment. Therefore, we support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and call on our governments to sign and ratify it."

<https://www.nationalpriorities.org/interactive-data/trade-offs/?state=37&program=15&place=3711800>

This the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.