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Item No: 21-088

Assigned to Councilor: Davitt

Supporting Efforts to Prevent Nuclear War

WHEREAS, global nuclear arsenals have over 14,000 weapons, with most being far more destructive than those used in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945;

WHEREAS, the detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic human, environmental, and economic consequences that could affect all people, including those in Bangor, Maine;

WHEREAS, a large-scale nuclear war could kill many millions and perhaps billions of people and cause vast environmental damage, producing conditions wherein many more would die from starvation or disease;

WHEREAS, the United States maintains nuclear missiles on hair trigger alert, greatly increasing the risk of an accidental or unauthorized launch;

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

WHEREAS, Bangor taxpayers will pay an average of \$132 per capita in 2021 for a "nuclear weapons war tax", a collective \$4.25 million in federal taxes towards the cost of producing, deploying and maintaining nuclear weapons, diverting crucial resources needed to assure the health and well-being of Bangor citizens, and;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entered into force, making it illegal under international law for signatory countries to develop, test, produce, manufacture, or otherwise acquire, possess, or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Bangor that,

The City Council of the City of Bangor calls on the United States government to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by: renouncing the option of first-use of nuclear weapons; ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack; taking U.S. nuclear weapons off of their hair-trigger launch status; cancelling plans to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals, beginning with embracing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President and each member of Maine's Congressional Delegation.