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Agenda Item#: 13.B.1.

Resolution Number: **R – 2019.08.14 – 139**
Resolution Re: **Calling on the U.S. Government to Lead a Global Effort to Prevent Nuclear War**

- WHEREAS: Global arsenals have over 14,000 nuclear weapons, and most are far more destructive than those that killed hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945;
- WHEREAS: The detonation of even a small number of these weapons anywhere in the world could have catastrophic human, environmental, and economic consequences that could affect everyone on the planet including in Dover, New Hampshire;
- WHEREAS: A large-scale nuclear war would likely kill hundreds of millions of people directly and cause unimaginable environmental damage, producing conditions wherein billions of people would likely die from starvation or disease;
- WHEREAS: The United States maintains nuclear missiles on prompt alert, capable of being launched within minutes after a presidential order, which greatly increases the risk of an accidental, mistaken or unauthorized launch;
- WHEREAS: The United States, as well as the United Kingdom, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals;
- WHEREAS: In July 2017, 122 nations approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which makes it illegal under international law to develop, test, produce, manufacture, or otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
- WHEREAS: United States taxpayers may spend \$1.2 trillion -- over \$4 million every hour every day - for the next 30 years to operate, sustain, and modernize nuclear forces which may exacerbate nuclear dangers by fueling a nuclear arms race and diverting crucial resources needed to assure the well-being of Dover's residents;
- WHEREAS: In 2017 New Hampshire taxpayers as a whole averaged \$53.56 per capita in 2017 federal taxes toward the cost of producing, deploying and maintaining nuclear weapons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND DOVER CITY COUNCIL:

That the City of Dover, New Hampshire calls on the United States government to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack;
- Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
- Cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
- Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

