

BACK FROM THE BRINK

A Resolution For Eureka City Council April 2019

Submitted by: **Against the Wind Festival Steering Committee**

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Whereas, “**Back from the Brink: The Call To Prevent Nuclear War**” is an active campaign conceived and initiated by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) and Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) in the Fall of 2017, and

Whereas, in November 2018, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) launched its new Cities Appeal, ICAN Save My City, a global campaign to persuade cities to express support for the United Nations **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** (TPNW), and

Whereas, this past August, on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, several cities each passed unanimous “**Back from the Brink**” city council resolutions that included text affirming support of the TPNW, and

Whereas, the U.S. Conference of Mayors voted unanimously in June 2018 to support similar resolutions in **cities throughout the country**, and

Whereas, the current administration is increasing the threat of nuclear war by walking away from key disarmament treaties; expanding the role of nuclear weapons in U.S. national security strategy; and planning to spend \$1.7 trillion dollars over the next 3 decades to build up our nuclear arsenal, fueling a dangerous new global arms race, and

Whereas, last year, as an alternative to this march to nuclear war, 122 nations called for the elimination of nuclear weapons by voting to adopt the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**, which would ban nuclear weapons just as chemical, biological, and other indiscriminate weapons of war are banned, and

Whereas, the “**Back from the Brink**” campaign has support from prominent public health, science, environmental, faith-based and justice organizations, adding great momentum, and

Whereas, our residents are deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to all communities and have the right to live in a world free from this threat, and

Whereas, in 2017, through tax dollars, the people of the City of Eureka spent a cumulative \$3,658,866.69** on nuclear weapons programs - costs that will increase dramatically with the Trump Administration’s “**Nuclear Posture Review**”, a plan to:

- drastically increase the existing U.S. nuclear arsenal
- Increase long-term reliance on nuclear arms
- lower the threshold for use of nuclear weapons
- and emphasize the role of such weapons in responding to “non-nuclear strategic attacks”.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Eureka hereby encourages the United States to enter into the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** and make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of its national security policy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Eureka call upon the United States 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;
- canceling 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, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Eureka City Clerk shall be directed to transmit copies of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the President of the United States, and to Governor Gavin Newsom.

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Against the Wind Festival is a non-profit 501(c)3 group organized to help support the Golden Rule Project, whose objectives are to raise awareness of the dangers of nuclear armaments and nuclear war.

ATWF: <https://againstthewindfestival.org>

GRP: <http://www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org>

**** 2017 TAX YEAR NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY COST**

U.S. population: 325,719,178 (1)

U.S. Nuclear Weapons Expenditure: \$62.7 billion

Per capita income: \$29,829 (1)

U.S. per capita Nuclear Weapons Tax: \$192.33

$\$192.33 \times \text{pcim} \times \text{your population} = \text{community cost.}$

To determine **pcim** (per capita income multiplier) for
your community refer to source (1) listed below:

find per capita income for your county, divide by national per capita income (\$29,829.00).

Source (1) U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045216/0617610>

Source of the above calculations: <https://www.psr-la.org/nuclear-costs>

Each April, Dr. Bob Dodge, President of PSR-LA's Board and co-founder of Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions, calculates the **cost of nuclear weapons programs to our communities.**