CITIZEN PETITION ARTICLES

Article 28 – Petition Article

“Call to Prevent Nuclear War” Resolution/Warrant Article

Whereas nine nations together have over 14,000 nuclear weapons in their arsenals, most far more destructive than the two that killed hundreds of thousands in Japan in 1945;
Whereas detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic human and environmental consequences (called “Nuclear Winter”) affecting everyone on the planet;
Whereas the United States maintains hundreds of nuclear missiles in underground silos on hair-trigger alert, to be launched within minutes with great risk of an accidental, mistaken or unauthorized launch;
Whereas the United States reserves the right to use nuclear weapons first, making a nuclear war more likely;
Whereas the U.S. president has the sole and unchecked authority to order the use of nuclear weapons;
Whereas over the next 30 years, the United States plans to spend an estimated $1.7 trillion to replace its entire nuclear arsenal;
Whereas the United States, as well as Britain, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Exeter calls upon the U.S. government to spearhead 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.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our Selectboard will send copies of this resolution with a record of its adoption vote to Governor Sununu and to all members of our Congressional Delegation.

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0.

Article 29 – Petition Article

2019 Citizens Petition for the Town of Exeter, NH

By petition of Nicholas Gray and other undersigned registered voters of Exeter, NH in an effort maintain a sustainable cost of living, request that the following article be placed on the 2019 Town Warrant.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year’s actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 3.0%?

(3/5 vote required)

Not recommended by the Select Board 0-5.

Article 30 – Petition Article