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RESOLUTION CALLING ON OUR FEDERAL LEADERS AND NATION TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PROTECTING THE PLANET FROM THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

WHEREAS the City of New Haven has always stood against the danger of nuclear war by being a Peace Messenger City, annually observing Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days, and in June 2023 welcoming the anti-nuclear war peace boat, the Golden Rule, to our city; and

WHEREAS the United States and Russia together possess close to 13,000 nuclear warheads, with the remainder of the world's nuclear arsenal held by seven other countries: China, France, the United Kingdom, North Korea, Israel, India, and Pakistan; and

WHEREAS the use of these weapons in a war would kill hundreds of millions of people directly and cause catastrophic environmental damage and climate disruption; and

WHEREAS the use of even a tiny fraction of these weapons would also cause worldwide climate disruption and put billions of people at or over the brink of starvation; and

WHEREAS many times the world has come perilously close to the use of nuclear weapons, which has been averted only at the very last minute; and

WHEREAS an alternative to the great risk of nuclear war exists if the world's nations commit to the reduction and elimination of nuclear weapons, as embodied in the International Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, already adopted by 122 of the world's nations; and

WHEREAS the New Haven Board of Alders joins with 70 other municipalities in the United States to seek a pulling back from the brink of nuclear war and the devastation that may face our residents and

city (<https://preventnuclearwar.org/municipalities-and-states/>);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Haven Board of Alders calls upon our federal leaders and nation to take the lead in protecting the planet from the use of nuclear weapons by:

- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- Adding safeguards to the current 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 nuclear weapons; and
- Actively taking the lead in pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Alders shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent to the Honorable U.S. Senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal, the Honorable Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, and the President of the United States Joseph R. Biden.