



Proclamation

Support of the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

WHEREAS, *nine nations collectively have approximately 12,500 nuclear weapons in their arsenals, most of which are far more destructive than those that killed hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945; and*

WHEREAS, *the detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic human and environmental consequences that could threaten human civilization itself and affect everyone on the planet; and*

WHEREAS, *the United States plans to spend an estimated \$756 billion between 2021 and 2030 and \$1.7 trillion by 2046 to replace its entire nuclear arsenal and the bombers, missiles and submarines that deliver them with more capable, more usable versions; and*

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

WHEREAS, *in July 2017, 122 nations approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which entered into force on January 22, 2021, making it illegal under international law to develop, test, produce, manufacture, or otherwise acquire, possess, or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; As of September 30, 2023, 93 countries have signed the TPNW and 69 countries have ratified it;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Konstantine Anthony, Mayor of the City of Burbank, do hereby **SUPPORT THE ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS** as the City recognizes the tremendous human, environmental, and global costs associated with these weapons. We are committed to promoting a safer, more secure world for all.*

Signed this 12th day of December 2023.

