

COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 56-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, DECLARE THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE'S OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND URGE THE US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SIGN THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR.

WHEREAS [nearly 13,865 nuclear weapons](#) still exist in the world today and pose a significant risk to human survival; and

WHEREAS the [United States was the first country to develop and use nuclear weapons in war; and](#); and

WHEREAS the [United States has approximately 5,550 nuclear weapons](#), constituting the world's second largest arsenal of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS the [United States is currently planning to spend at least \\$1.7 trillion](#) to rebuild the US nuclear weapons arsenal; and

WHEREAS these are funds that could be used for necessary programs such as education, healthcare, infrastructure, and the environment; and

WHEREAS [plutonium for the bomb the United States dropped on Nagasaki was produced at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation](#), a site on the banks of the Columbia River in the State of Washington that displaced area residents, affected the health of Downwinders in Oregon and Washington, and caused sacred sites, villages, and fishing areas of Native American tribes to be lost; and

WHEREAS the [Hanford Nuclear Reservation, upriver from Milwaukie, remains the most toxic site in the Western Hemisphere](#), a nuclear sacrifice zone that threatens the health and environment of our people and region; and

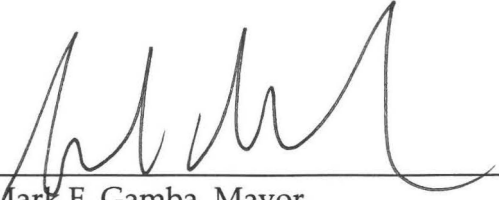
WHEREAS Milwaukie residents, and all people, have the human right to live a life free from nuclear contamination and the threat posed by the use of nuclear weapons.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that it supports the United Nations' Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and calls upon the US federal government to join the treaty; and

Be it Further Resolved that the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, urges the Congress of the United States to take appropriate steps to prevent nuclear war by establishing a system of checks and balances ensuring that the President of the United States no longer has the sole and unchecked authority to launch nuclear weapons; and that the United States Congress renounces the option of using nuclear weapons first, to take US nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, and to cancel the plan to replace the entire US nuclear arsenal with next-generation nuclear weapons, and to actively pursue a verifiable and multilateral agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate nuclear arsenals.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **8/2/22**.

This resolution is effective on **8/2/22**.



Mark F. Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Nicole Madigan, Deputy City Recorder



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