

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, DECLARING THAT THE CITY OF OLYMPIA SUPPORTS THE UNITED STATES ENTRY INTO THE TREATY TO PROHIBIT NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

**WHEREAS**, nine nations possess some 15,000 nuclear weapons, most of which are far more destructive than those that killed over 100,000 people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan in 1945; and

**WHEREAS**, the detonation of even a small number of these weapons would have catastrophic global consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat of nuclear war is growing as nuclear-armed nations expand their arsenals with faster and more accurate weapons and the potential exists for non-nuclear nations to develop their own nuclear arsenals; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States plans to rebuild its entire nuclear arsenal at a cost approaching \$2 trillion over the next three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force on January 22, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons lessens the dangers of nuclear war and accidents involving nuclear weapons by establishing a norm that de-legitimizes nuclear weapons as instruments of national policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE** as follows:

**Section 1.** The City of Olympia supports the goals of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and encourages the President of the United States to take action needed for the United States to join and ratify the treaty and to pursue policies in compliance with the treaty’s provisions.

**Section 2.** A copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the President of the United States and members of Congress representing the State of Washington.

**PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**Mark Barber**

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CITY ATTORNEY