
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENDORISING AND ADOPTING THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO ACHIEVE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16 OF PEACE, JUSTICE, AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a place of peace in the Pacific and the
2 people of Hawaii believe in a better world for all; and
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii supports the United Nations Sustainable
5 Development Goals and recognizes the interconnectedness of all
6 goals to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
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9 WHEREAS, since the height of the Cold War, the United
10 States and Russia have dismantled more than fifty thousand
11 nuclear warheads, but approximately fourteen thousand five
12 hundred of these weapons still exist and pose an intolerable
13 risk to human survival; and
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15 WHEREAS, over ninety percent of these weapons are in the
16 hands of the United States and Russia, and the rest are held by
17 China, France, Israel, India, North Korea, Pakistan, and the
18 United Kingdom; and
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20 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2018, Hawaii witnessed the chaos
21 and harm caused by only the threat of a missile impacting the
22 State; and
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24 WHEREAS, the use of even a tiny fraction of these weapons
25 could cause worldwide climate disruption and famine; for
26 example, as few as one hundred Hiroshima-sized bombs, small by
27 modern standards, would put at least five million tons of soot
28 into the upper atmosphere and cause climate disruption across
29 the planet, reducing food production and putting two billion
30 people at risk of starvation; and
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32 WHEREAS, a large-scale nuclear war would kill hundreds of
33 millions of people directly and cause unimaginable environmental
34 damage and catastrophic climate disruption by lowering



1 temperatures across the planet to levels not seen since the last
2 ice age; under these conditions the vast majority of the human
3 race would starve and it is possible humans would go extinct;
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6 WHEREAS, despite assurances that these arsenals exist
7 solely to guarantee that they are never used, there have been
8 many occasions when nuclear armed states have prepared to use
9 these weapons, and war has been averted only at the last minute;
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12 WHEREAS, former United States Secretary of Defense Robert
13 McNamara said, speaking about the Cuban missile crisis, "it was
14 luck that prevented nuclear war", yet nuclear policy cannot be
15 the hope that luck will continue; and
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17 WHEREAS, as the effects of climate change place increased
18 stress on communities around the world and intensify the
19 likelihood of conflict, the danger of nuclear war will grow; and
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to a significant population of
22 Marshall Islanders, whose homeland was the site of sixty-seven
23 atmospheric nuclear weapons tests during the Cold War, and who
24 have not been adequately compensated for the catastrophic
25 environmental and health consequences of such horrific testing;
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28 WHEREAS, the planned expenditure of more than
29 \$1,000,000,000,000 to enhance the United States' nuclear arsenal
30 will not only increase the risk of nuclear disaster but also
31 fuel a global arms race and divert crucial resources needed to
32 assure the well-being of the American people and people all over
33 the world; and
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35 WHEREAS, there is an alternative to the march toward
36 nuclear war: in July 2017, one hundred twenty-two nations
37 called for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by adopting
38 the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; now,
39 therefore,
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41 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
42 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2022, that this body engages, endorses, accepts, and adopts
2 the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges federal leaders
5 and the nation to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of
6 Nuclear Weapons and make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of
7 the United States' national security policy; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body calls upon federal
10 leaders and the nation to spearhead a global effort to prevent
11 nuclear war by renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons
12 first; ending the President's sole, unchecked authority to
13 launch a nuclear attack; taking United States nuclear weapons
14 off hair-trigger alert; cancelling the plan to replace its
15 entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and actively pursuing a
16 verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate
17 their nuclear arsenals; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United
21 Nations, High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United
22 Nations, President of the United States, President Pro Tempore
23 of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House
24 of Representatives, Minority Leader of the United States Senate,
25 all members of the Hawaii congressional delegation, Governor,
26 and Mayors of each county.
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