

A RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE CITIES APPEAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS

WHEREAS, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a coalition of nongovernmental organizations in 100 countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and

WHEREAS, ICAN was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize “for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons”; and

WHEREAS, ICAN launched its “Cities Appeal” to raise awareness in local communities and the media, recognizing that urban areas are the main targets of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Triangle branch of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has requested that the Town of Carrboro join the Cities Appeal; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the Town of Carrboro has been a member of Mayors for Peace, an international coalition of more than 8000 municipalities answering a call for cities “to transcend national borders and join in solidarity to work together to press for nuclear abolition”; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2014, the Town Council adopted a resolution supporting resolutions by the US Conference of Mayors calling on the US government to participate in good faith in international nuclear disarmament forums, to demonstrate a meaningful commitment to its disarmament obligations, and to reduce nuclear weapons spending and redirect those funds to to support safe and resilient cities and meet urgent human needs—resolutions the US Conference of Mayors renewed most recently in June 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council that the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, does hereby join more than 500 cities around the world in adopting the Cities Appeal of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, which reads as follows:

“Our town is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching, and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment. Therefore, we support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and call on our governments to sign and ratify it.”

This the 6th day of December, 2022.