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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Resolution of Support for the ICAN Cities Appeal for the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

WHEREAS, the existence and threatened use of nuclear weapons menace all humankind and the earth’s environment; and

WHEREAS, as China, Russian, the United States, Britain and France affirmed this January, “a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.”; and

WHEREAS, millions of children and families live in poverty, the money squandered and the fortunes made through the manufacture, upgrading, maintenance, and sale of nuclear weapons is immoral; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina taxpayers paid an estimated \$491,880,000 federal tax dollars, a portion of which was attributed to Chatham County, just for nuclear weapons and associated costs in 2021 and that money is needed here; and

WHEREAS, the new generation of nuclear weapons that has been proposed will raise these costs significantly and burden us with weapons that are more destabilizing and riskier; and

WHEREAS, the threat of accidental or deliberate explosion of nuclear weapons is real and increasing. Broken arrow or nuclear accidents include two nuclear bombs dropped near Eureka, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, cutting nuclear weapons is possible and bipartisan. Since Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev, we reduced stockpiles worldwide from the 70,000’s to the 14,000’s we are threatened by today.

Therefore, we affirm the following Resolution:

“Chatham County 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.”

Adopted this the 15th day of May 2023.

Karen Howard, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCMCC, Clerk to the Board
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