



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 1997

MAYOR RUSSELL
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Nuclear weapons pose a continuing threat to civilization, the human species, and life itself; and

WHEREAS: Cities have been primary targets of nuclear weapons throughout the Nuclear Age and remain vulnerable to the massive destructive effects of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS: The development and maintenance of nuclear arsenals are extraordinarily costly, still costing billions of dollars per year, and those resources could be far better utilized for rebuilding the infrastructure of our cities, supporting the health and welfare of our citizens, and protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment; and

WHEREAS: The five declared nuclear weapons states (United States, Russia, United Kingdom, France, and China) promised at the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review and Extension Conference in May 1995 to pursue "systematic and progressive efforts to reduce nuclear weapons globally, with the ultimate goal of eliminating these weapons"; and

WHEREAS: The International Court of Justice ruled unanimously in July 1996, "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control."; and

WHEREAS: Retired U.S. General Lee Butler, once responsible for all U.S. strategic nuclear forces, has called nuclear weapons "inherently dangerous, hugely expensive, militarily inefficient and morally indefensible"; and

WHEREAS: The end of the Cold War has provided an unparalleled opportunity to end the nuclear weapons era, which would fulfill our responsibility to present and future generations; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. is the most powerful nuclear weapon state in the world, and nations around the world look to the U.S. to exercise leadership in nuclear disarmament; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Municipality of Cambridge:

Calls upon the governments of all nuclear weapons states to begin negotiations immediately on a Nuclear Weapons Convention to prohibit and eliminate all nuclear weapons early in the next century, and to complete these negotiations by the year 2000;

Calls for the U.S. government to exercise leadership in initiating negotiations for a Nuclear Weapons Convention to prohibit and abolish all nuclear weapons;

Calls upon the citizens of the Municipality of Cambridge in our civic, religious, educational, professional, artistic and other groups to learn more about the continuing dangers of nuclear weapons and the imperatives of nuclear weapons abolition, and to communicate our commitment to the elimination of all nuclear weapons to the wider community and to our elected Federal officials, and

Orders that copies of this resolution be sent to the elected representatives for this municipality, including the U.S. Representative (s), U.S. Senators, and the President.

In City Council October 6, 1997.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Maya Russell
V.M. Brown
Davis

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Abolition 2000 Resolution for Municipalities

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Cambridge Peace Action in association with the Abolition 2000 Global Campaign. To help, contact Cambridge Peace Action, 92 Washington Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140 or phone (617) 354-6158.

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Entire Membership ~~except~~^T
Consent Order #6
Reeves

Mayor Russell, Vice Mayor Born
and Councillor Davis re: Resolution
on abolition 2000 for Municipalities.

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In City Council October 6, 1997

ORDER ADOPTED