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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION declaring that the City of Olympia supports the elimination of nuclear weapons and believes that appropriate government purchasing practices can further the cause of eliminating nuclear weapons.

WHEREAS, the nuclear arms race has diverted the world's scarce resources, undermining sustainability, and presenting humanity with the threat of nuclear holocaust; and

WHEREAS, as both a port and capital city, Olympia is a potentially attractive target for the use of nuclear weapons by terrorists and countries possessing nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, the use of resources for nuclear weapons prevents these resources from being used for other human needs, including jobs, housing, education, health care, public transportation and services for youth, the elderly and the disabled; and

WHEREAS, the United States should take the lead in the process of global rejection of the arms race and the elimination of the threat of a nuclear holocaust; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2005, The Olympia City Council passed a resolution endorsing the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign, and the US Conference of Mayors Resolution calling for the verifiable and enforceable elimination of all nuclear weapons by the year 2020, the 75th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has embraced the concept of sustainability as an overarching community philosophy and has implemented numerous programs and policies to realize sustainability, and the threats posed by the continued existence of nuclear weapons is inconsistent with the goal of achieving a sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Olympia to purchase supplies and services from responsible and ethical contractors who provide quality goods and services at a competitive price; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is guided by the philosophy of sustainability, which tasks citizens to consider how today's decisions will affect the quality of life for future generations with the goal of establishing ways of living that can be sustained indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, appropriate government purchasing practices can be effective in combating certain practices and ensuring the appropriate expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, information about the manufacturing practices of supplies and services is increasingly available through distributors, union-sponsored organizations such as UNITE, non-profit citizens groups, and independent non-profit monitoring organizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA:

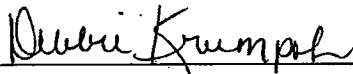
Section 1. The City of Olympia supports the elimination of nuclear weapons and the creation of appropriate government purchasing practices which restrict the purchasing of goods or services from private entities which are knowingly and intentionally engaged in the development, testing, evaluation, production, maintenance, storage, transportation and/or disposal of nuclear weapons.

APPROVED and PASSED this 14th day of April, 2009.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY