

**TOWN OF BRISTOL**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

**INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS (ICAN)**

**Cities Appeal Resolution for the**

**Town of Bristol, Rhode Island**

**WHEREAS;** Nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people everywhere

**WHEREAS;** On July 7, 2017, 122 nations voted to adopt the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

**WHEREAS;** On January 22, 2021 the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was entered into force.

**WHEREAS;** All national governments are invited to sign and ratify this crucial global agreement which prohibits the use, production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and lays the foundations for their total elimination

**WHEREAS;** Cities and towns can now help build support for the Treaty by endorsing the ICAN Cities Appeal.

**WHEREAS;** The Town of Bristol is deeply concerned about the threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have a 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 the people of Bristol and the environment.

**WHEREAS;** The Rhode Island Senate has approved Resolution S2423 "Urging the federal government to pursue a broad range of measures to reduce the danger of nuclear war and to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), to make nuclear disarmament the center piece of our national security policy and to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;** That the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island supports the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and calls on our government to take a leadership role by signing and ratifying the TPNW treaty and using that to actively pursue a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that this resolution be emailed to [info@icanw.org](mailto:info@icanw.org) indicating that the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island has agreed to endorse the ICAN Cities Appeal.

By Order of the Bristol Town Council