

**SAN ANSELMO TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Abolition 2000 Resolution**

**WHEREAS, more than 20,000 nuclear weapons, deployed around the world, pose a continuing threat to civilization, the human species, and the structure and stability of 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, since 1940 the United States has spent more than \$4 Trillion on the nuclear arms race, is currently spending more than \$30 Billion annually to maintain, service and clean up after its nuclear weapons, and plans to invest \$40 Billion over the next decade to preserve its capacity to maintain test, modify, design and produce nuclear weapons well in to the next century; and**

**WHEREAS, these 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 Declared Nuclear Weapon States (the United States, United Kingdom, Russia, France, and China) pledged at the Nuclear 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 on July 8, 1996 unanimously declared, "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, in its August 1996 report on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, the Canberra Commission, an international body developing a practical road map toward a nuclear free world, determined that "nuclear weapons pose an intolerable threat to all humanity and its habitat," and called for "taking nuclear forces off alert and removal of warheads from delivery vehicles;" and**

**WHEREAS, recently 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 be a gift for children everywhere and to all future generations by allowing them to grow physically, psychologically, emotionally and spiritually without the threat of nuclear war or nuclear accidents; and**

WHEREAS, the people of San Anselmo have reiterated their opposition to nuclear weapons in 1982 by voting for the Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Initiative and the 1986 County-wide Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the County's Nuclear Free Zone Ordinance recognizes that the public morality is affronted by the expenditure of County funds for goods and services produced by nuclear weapons makers, and investment of County funds in nuclear weapons makers, and bans the presence of nuclear weapons and work on nuclear weapons in the County which may ultimately lead to death and destruction;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO, COUNTY OF MARIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA:**

1. Affirms its commitment to Nuclear Free Zones and supports the further development of Nuclear Free Zones throughout the world; and
2. Calls for all nuclear weapons to be taken off of alert status, for all nuclear warheads to be separated from their delivery vehicles, and for the Nuclear Weapon States to agree to unconditional no first use of these weapons; and
3. Calls for the elimination of all nuclear weapons research, development and testing activities; and
4. Calls upon the governments of all Nuclear Weapon States to begin negotiations immediately on a Nuclear Weapons Convention which sets a timetable for the elimination of all nuclear weapons; and
5. Urges that these negotiations be completed by the year 2000 so that the people of the world may enter the next millennium with an international treaty in place for the prohibition and elimination of all nuclear weapons; and
6. Orders that copies of this Resolution be sent to elected representatives for this municipality, including the County Board of Supervisors, U.S. Representative, U.S. Senators, and the President.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was approved by the San Anselmo Town Council on the 14th day of April, 1998, by the following vote:

AYES: Breen, Chignell, Hodgens, Kroot, Overberger

NOES: (None)

ABSENT: (None)

*Debra Stutsman*  
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Town Clerk