

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-80**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE RESTRICTING FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACT OF**
12 **2017; IN OPPOSITION TO THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGENDA OF THE CURRENT**
13 **ADMINISTRATION; AND CALLING ON OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO**
14 **CONDEMN THE RHETORIC AND AGENDA.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, there are over 15,000 nuclear weapons in the world; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the United States has an estimated 6800 nuclear weapons and Russia has an
18 estimated 7000 nuclear weapons, all more destructive than those that killed tens of thousands of
19 innocent civilians and devastated Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the United States spends over \$2,000,000 per hour (over \$48,000,000 per
21 day and \$336,000,000 per week) on nuclear weapons and their development; and

22 **WHEREAS**, an entire new generation of nuclear weapons is under development at a
23 projected cost of over \$1,000,000,000,000 (\$1 trillion) over a thirty-year period; and

24 **WHEREAS**, use and detonation of even a small number of nuclear weapons would have
25 unimaginable global human, environmental and economic consequences – affecting everyone on

1 the planet, and

2 **WHEREAS**, all cities and communities, including Santa Fe, remain at great, imminent
3 risk as potential targets in a nuclear war; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a single nuclear strike in Santa Fe would cause upwards of 40,000 fatalities
5 and 40,000 injuries; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe’s proximity to Los Alamos National Laboratory, a
7 primary designer and producer of the nation’s nuclear stockpile and plutonium pits, puts all of the
8 city’s residents, and those of northern New Mexico, at risk; and

9 **WHEREAS**, nuclear weapons testing has caused irreparable harm to communities and
10 the natural environment, and

11 **WHEREAS**, all of humanity and every citizen has the right to live a life and pursue a
12 future free from the fear and worry of nuclear devastation, and

13 **WHEREAS**, the current administration has stated their intention to greatly expand the
14 country’s nuclear capabilities for the first time since 1968, and called for a new nuclear arms
15 race; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the administration has refused to take nuclear war off the table for future
17 conflicts, has questioned why the United States can’t use the nuclear weapons it currently holds,
18 and is open to supporting new countries developing their own nuclear weapons program to
19 protect themselves; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in the 1950s Congress ceded authority over nuclear weapons to the present
21 on the basis that it would be impossible for the legislative body to approve a decision on the use
22 of nuclear weapons if the Soviet Union had launched its own weapons that could hit the United
23 States in 30 minutes; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the prevailing dogma at the time was one of “mutually assured destruction”
25 based on the belief that two rational actors would not risk the destruction of their country in order

1 to achieve a small geopolitical gain; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the behavior and reaction of the President to news of North Korean missile
3 testing raises the question of whether or not the theory of mutually assured destruction still holds
4 true in the current administration; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the President currently has the authority to launch a nuclear strike within
6 minutes on any target without consent from any other administration official or another branch of
7 government; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Rep. Ted Lieu (CA-33) has introduced H.R. 669 – Restricting First Use of
9 Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017, along with 65 cosponsors, and Sen. Edward Markey (MA) has
10 introduced a companion bill in the Senate, S. 200, along with 11 cosponsors, that would prohibit
11 the President from conducting a first-use nuclear strike unless such strike is conducted pursuant to
12 a congressional declaration of war expressly authorizing such a strike; and

13 **WHEREAS**, over 300 former heads of state, experts, and military leaders have endorsed
14 a vision of a world without nuclear weapons; and

15 **WHEREAS**, every President since Ronald Reagan has worked to reduce the size of
16 global nuclear stockpiles bilaterally with Russia in an effort to eventually eliminate them; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has adopted resolutions in the past that weigh in on
18 national nuclear security issues; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 1986-16 that urged the
20 President to join the Soviet Union in a mutual and verifiable suspension of nuclear testing; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 1995-62 supporting a
22 programmatic review of the future nuclear weapons complex; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2005-39 supporting United
24 States compliance with the Treaty on the Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

25 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY**

1 **OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons
2 Act of 2017 (H.R. 669 and S. 200) which would prevent the President from launching a nuclear
3 first strike without Congressional authorization.

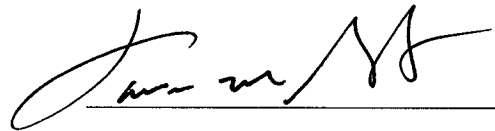
4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body stands against the
5 Administration's misguided agenda in regards to nuclear weapons, including greatly expanding
6 the nuclear weapons arsenal of the United States.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe adds its
8 name to a growing list of cities and college campuses that refuse to be complicit in the
9 administration's domestic proliferation of nuclear weapons.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Governing Body calls on Senator Tom Udall,
11 Senator Martin Heinrich and Congressman Ben Ray Lujan to publicly reject the current nuclear
12 agenda and demand they take action to address the growing threat, and that they support the
13 Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017.

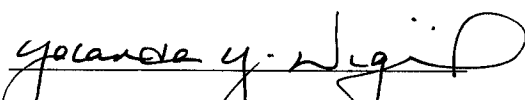
14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body stands for the protection of
15 our families and community because a world without nuclear weapons is a freer, safer, more just
16 world.

17 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2017.

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21 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

22 ATTEST:

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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