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Title:	NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the need to accelerate the reduction of nuclear weapons; and also does hereby commend and recognize the important work of Remembering Hiroshima, Imagining Peace and their advocacy for the need of a reduction of stockpiles and safer handling procedures worldwide as steps toward a world free of nuclear weapons.		
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WHEREAS, August 6 and 9, 2014 mark the 69th anniversaries of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which killed more than 210,000 people by the end of 1945 and exposed countless others to radiation; and,

WHEREAS, the world's nuclear arsenals, which currently have the explosive power equivalent to 200,000 Hiroshima bombs, are capable of destroying all cities in the world the size of Pittsburgh or larger, posing an intolerable threat to people everywhere; and,

WHEREAS, the potential for nuclear weapons use has become greater than ever before as a result of widespread stockpiles of poorly secured nuclear materials, the escalation of terrorism and further proliferation of nuclear weapons, all of which have increased the risk of both intentional and accidental launch; and,

WHEREAS, in June of 2012 the U.S. Conference of Mayors unanimously passed a strong resolution calling for nuclear weapons abolition by 2020, and again in 2014 expressed support for the goal of the Vision 2020 Campaign led by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and,

WHEREAS, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) is a landmark international treaty, joined by 190 countries, whose objectives include preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and furthering the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament, which will be reviewed in May 2015 as mandated to occur every five years; and,

WHEREAS, Remembering Hiroshima, Imagining Peace (RHIP), has brought together an impressive coalition of Pittsburgh organizations, institutions and individuals to work toward the elimination of nuclear weapons through education, activism, advocacy and art; and

WHEREAS, the work of RHIP will include peace programming by the Children's Museum; the screening of ***I Live in Fear*** by the Pittsburgh Filmmakers followed by a Skype conversation with peace activists in Japan; a poster exhibit in the City County Building during August; two weeks of peace programming by Carnegie Mellon University; and events leading up to and participation by Pittsburghers in the demonstration for peace in connection with the nuclear non-proliferation conference;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the need to accelerate the reduction of nuclear weapons; and also does hereby commend and recognize the important work of Remembering Hiroshima, Imagining Peace and their advocacy for the need of a reduction of stockpiles and safer handling procedures worldwide as steps toward a world free of nuclear weapons.

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