

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-82

Declaring August 6, 2025 as Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembrance Day, and urging the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war

WHEREAS, eighty years ago, on August 6th and 9th, 1945, hundreds of thousands of human beings died - many instantly - or suffered severe and catastrophic health consequences in the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Japan when the United States dropped atomic bombs, for the first and only time in armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, many people and communities in the United States have been and continue to be grievously harmed and suffer severe health consequences from the testing, development and production of nuclear weapons and uranium mining; and

WHEREAS, nine nations collectively have approximately 12,000 nuclear weapons, 90% of which are owned by the U.S. and Russia, and most of which are far more destructive than those dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and

WHEREAS, the detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic human and environmental consequences that could threaten human civilization itself and affect everyone on the planet; and

WHEREAS, the United States maintains several hundred nuclear missiles in underground silos on hair-trigger alert, capable of being launched within minutes after a presidential order, which greatly increases the risk of an accidental, mistaken or unauthorized launch; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. continues to reserve the right to use nuclear weapons first, which reduces the threshold for nuclear use and makes a nuclear war more likely; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. president has the sole and unchecked authority to order the use of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, over the next 30 years the U.S. plans to spend \$1.7 trillion to replace its entire nuclear arsenal and the bombers, missiles and submarines that deliver them with more enhanced versions; and

WHEREAS, U.S. taxpayers spend millions of dollars every hour of every day to maintain the U.S. nuclear arsenal; and

WHEREAS, federal funding is urgently needed by Yolo County and American communities throughout the country for health care, affordable housing, food security, disaster recovery, and sustainable energy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S., as well as Britain, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals; and

WHEREAS, in July 2017, 122 non-nuclear armed nations approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which entered into force on January 22, 2021, making it illegal under international law to develop, test, produce, manufacture, or otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons, and as of March 2025, 94 countries have signed the TPNW and 73 countries have ratified it; and

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WHEREAS, the New Start Treaty, a critical agreement between Russia and the U.S. that limits the number of strategic nuclear weapons, expires in February 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Doomsday Clock, which is released annually by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and uses minutes to midnight as a measure of humanity's proximity to extinction, such as from nuclear war or irreversible climate disaster, moved to 89 seconds to midnight on January 28, 2025, the closest it has ever been to catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, a grassroots coalition called "Back from the Brink: Bringing Communities together to abolish nuclear weapons" has been endorsed by over 490 health, environmental, academic, peace, faith, and justice organizations; and

WHEREAS, over 80 U.S. municipalities, counties, and states have adopted resolutions supporting Back from the Brink's policy solutions; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution in support of the California Bilateral Nuclear Arms Freeze initiative; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature in 2018 passed Assembly Joint Resolution (AJR) 30 by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry urging the Congress of the U.S. to restrict the president's sole authority to launch a nuclear first strike, and AJR 33 by Assemblymember Monique Limon urging the U.S. to embrace the TPNW.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Yolo calls on the Congress of the United States to pass House Resolution 317 (McGovern), introduced on April 9, 2025, which urges the United States to lead the world back from the brink of nuclear war and halt and reverse the nuclear arms race; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Yolo calls on the U.S. to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Yolo proclaims August 6th, 2025 as Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembrance Day, and joins with the people of Hiroshima in their call for all citizens of the world to "join together in expanding the circle of solidarity transcending national boundaries, partisan ideologies, and religious creeds, to strengthen the bond of human friendship" and "to make this year a strategic turning point towards the realization of a peaceful world without nuclear weapons."

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Allen, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs, Vixie Sandy.

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors