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10 A MEMORIAL
11 EXPRESSING THE RESOLVE OF THE NEW MEXICO SENATE TO PROMOTE
12 NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY ON THE
13 PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
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15 WHEREAS, the continued existence of more than twelve
16 thousand nuclear weapons worldwide poses a grave and
17 existential threat to the residents of New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature stands for a society
19 that takes responsibility for the welfare of its future
20 generations; and

21 WHEREAS, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and repeated
22 threats to use nuclear weapons have dramatically increased the
23 danger of nuclear war; and

24 WHEREAS, the residents of New Mexico have expressed their
25 deep concern about the continuing threat of nuclear war over

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1 many decades and continue to do so; and

2 WHEREAS, while it is the federal government and not the
3 state that has jurisdiction over matters relating to nuclear
4 weapons, state and local governments will be largely
5 responsible for the immediate disaster response in the event of
6 a nuclear weapon detonation; and

7 WHEREAS, it has been shown that the policies and actions
8 of states can lead to important and necessary changes at the
9 federal level and even internationally; and

10 WHEREAS, in order to prevent the unthinkable catastrophe
11 of a nuclear war or a nuclear accident, a complete elimination
12 of nuclear weapons is necessary in line with the Treaty on the
13 Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which entered into force as
14 international law on January 22, 2021;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
16 OF NEW MEXICO that congratulations be extended to the seventy
17 countries that have signed and ratified the Treaty on the
18 Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico senate join the
20 legislatures of California, Oregon and Rhode Island, the Maine
21 state senate, the New Jersey assembly and the cities and towns
22 throughout the country that have taken action to protect their
23 residents from the existential threat of nuclear war by
24 embracing the treaty and endorsing the back from the brink
25 platform, which calls on federal leaders to embrace the Treaty

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1 on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and to take immediate
2 steps to prevent nuclear war by actively pursuing a verifiable
3 agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear
4 arsenals, renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first,
5 ending the president of the United States' sole, unchecked
6 authority to launch a nuclear attack, taking the United States'
7 nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert and canceling the plan
8 to replace the United States' entire arsenal with enhanced
9 weapons; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico senate urge all
11 members of the New Mexico congressional delegation to cosponsor
12 or endorse House Resolution 317 or Senate Resolution 323 of the
13 one hundred nineteenth congress, both of which call for the
14 United States to adopt the policy provisions of the back from
15 the brink platform; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it shall be the policy of the
17 New Mexico senate to pursue whatever measures may be found
18 necessary and appropriate to protect the residents of the state
19 from the existential threat posed by nuclear weapons and to
20 contribute in whatever ways the senate can toward the total
21 elimination of nuclear weapons from all countries, in line with
22 the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the president and vice president of the United
25 States, the speaker and minority floor leader of the United

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1 States house of representatives, the majority and minority
2 floor leaders of the United States senate, the members of New
3 Mexico's congressional delegation and the governor.

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