Resolution declaring support for United States House of Representatives Bill 669, the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017, which prohibits the conduct of a first-use nuclear strike absent a declaration of war by Congress.

WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are over 15,000 nuclear weapons globally; and
WHEREAS, Most possessed by the United States and Russia are significantly more destructive than those used to kill hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and
WHEREAS, A single nuclear detonation in San Francisco would cause upwards of 700,000 fatalities and upwards of 1,000,000 injuries; and
WHEREAS, Use and detonation of even a small number of nuclear weapons would have catastrophic human, environmental and economic consequences globally – impacting everyone on the planet; and
WHEREAS, Nuclear weapons testing and uranium extraction has caused irreparable harm to indigenous communities and the natural environment, from Bikini Atoll to the Nevada Test Site; and
WHEREAS, San Francisco’s proximity to key communication and information technology infrastructure make it a top target for a nuclear strike; and
WHEREAS, All of humanity and every individual has the right to live a life free from the threat of nuclear violence; and
WHEREAS, Nuclear weapons fail to address 21st century national security concerns such as climate change, cyberattacks and terrorism while draining precious resources from programs that make us safer and more secure; and

Supervisor Tang
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WHEREAS, California State Assembly Joint Resolution 30, introduced by Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, urges Congress to assert its role in the approval of acts of war in a nuclear first-strike scenario; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Joint Resolution 33, introduced by Assembly Member Monique Limón, urges our federal leaders and nation to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, make nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy, and spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, Over 300 former heads of state, experts, and religious and military leaders have called for urgent action to eliminate all nuclear weapons globally; and

WHEREAS, Every American President since Ronald Reagan has worked to reduce global nuclear stockpiles in an effort to ultimately eliminate these weapons of mass destruction; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has called for a major buildup of nuclear weapons, which will incite other countries to do the same and dramatically increase the risks of nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, The United States is on track to spend $1 trillion over the next 30 years to upgrade its nuclear arsenal, money that could be better spent on education, healthcare, jobs or infrastructure, according to the Congressional Budget Office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco condemns President Trump's reckless agenda that makes us targets of a nuclear war; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco adds its name to a growing list of communities that refuse to be complicit in President Trump's march toward nuclear war and calls on neighboring communities to do the same; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco supports the Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017 (H.R. 669) which would prevent the President from unilaterally
launching a nuclear first strike without a Congressional declaration of war authorization; and,
be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That nuclear weapons anywhere are a threat to people
everywhere, and that the total elimination of these weapons is central to the pursuit of a more
just and peaceful world; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco calls on United States Senators Dianne
Feinstein and Kamala Harris, United States Congresswomen Jackie Speier and Nancy Pelosi,
to publically reject President Trump’s nuclear agenda, support H.R. 669 and urge world
leaders to adopt an emergency agreement to prevent the use of nuclear weapons; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the
Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution to United States Senators Dianne
Feinstein and Kamala Harris, United States Congresswomen Jackie Speier and Nancy Pelosi.
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March 20, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee
Excused: 1 - Peskin

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/20/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/30/2018