

**RESOLUTION**  
**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**  
City of Hartford, April 10, 2023

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Assistant Majority Leader Marilyn E, Rossetti

WHEREAS, The *Golden Rule* was an international catalyst for the abolition of nuclear weapons. From 1946 to 1958 the U.S. tested 67 nuclear bombs in the Pacific Marshall Islands, displacing the indigenous inhabitants and spreading radiation around the globe. Efforts to stop this testing were unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, Finally in 1958 four Quaker peace activists attempted to prevent the testing by sailing the *Golden Rule*, a 34-foot wooden ketch, into the U.S. test area in the Pacific. Although the crew was arrested and their goal aborted, their endeavor drew worldwide attention to the dangers of nuclear radiation; and

WHEREAS, As a result, in 1963, President Kennedy and leaders of the United Kingdom and USSR signed the Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, banning testing of nuclear weapons in the air, water or space. Testing was allowed to continue underground for some years. Currently most testing of nuclear weapons is conducted through computer simulation; and

WHEREAS, Between 2010 and 2015 members of Veterans for Peace, Quakers, and other volunteers restored the Golden Rule, which had sunk in Northern California. In 2015, through the sponsorship of Veterans for Peace, Quakers and other Peace advocates, the Golden Rule began a new 15-month, 11,000-mile journey to generate awareness and advocacy for the abolition of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, Between 2015 and 2022, it sailed the West Coast between British Columbia and San Diego and replicated its original voyage across the Pacific to Hawaii. Beginning in September 2022 it continued its mission with a journey from Minneapolis/St. Paul down the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico and continuing up the East Coast of the United States.

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, today, 15,000 nuclear warheads remain mostly under the control of Russia and the United States, and the United States has suspended its compliance with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and other nuclear arms limitation treaties and plans to spend nearly \$2 Trillion on its nuclear arsenal; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Hartford's Mayor and Court of Common Council supports the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, as well as other measures to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the possibility of nuclear war; and be further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Court of Common Council welcomes the *Golden Rule* to the City of Hartford June 6 to June 9, 2023 and extends best wishes for a successful journey.