



# Mayoral Proclamation

## Entry into Force of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

- WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park has been a nuclear-free city since 1983; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park was the first U.S. city to declare its compliance with the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park is deeply concerned about the grave and continued threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS,** any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** we firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat; and
- WHEREAS,** the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, having been ratified by the requisite 50 countries, will now enter into force on January 22, 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** the Treaty on the Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons bans any country party to the treaty from developing, testing, producing, acquiring, possessing, stockpiling, using or threatening to use nuclear weapons, effectively and permanently stigmatizing nuclear weapons; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park adopted Resolution 2018-17 affirming the City's support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Stewart, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland,** do hereby recognize and celebrate this milestone treaty as it enters into force on January 22, 2021.

**Dated this 13th day of January, 2021.**

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**Kate Stewart  
Mayor**