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Whereas, on August 9, 2017, Portland citizens will gather, as they have for the past 53 years, to remember the U.S. use of the first nuclear weapons on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan 72 ago and to reaffirm their determination that nuclear weapons must be forever abolished; and

Whereas, on July 7, 2017, the United Nations brought forth a treaty banning the production, storing, modernizing, and use or threatened use of nuclear weapons as a major step toward their abolition; and

Whereas, in July, 2017, the U.S. Conference of Mayors also unanimously welcomed the new nuclear ban treaty; and

Whereas, plutonium for the weapon dropped on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945 was developed at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, a site upriver from Portland from which area residents were displaced, "downwinders" health was effected, and some Columbia Basin tribes' sacred sites, villages, and fishing areas were lost; and

Whereas, U.S. mayors acknowledge that nuclear-armed countries are edging ever closer to direct military confrontation around the world; and

Whereas, the U.S. government has called for a trillion taxpayer dollars to be allocated to the nuclear weapons industry as part of a modernization program over the next 30 years, money that could be better spent on meeting human needs; and

Whereas, those most directly impacted by nuclear weapons mining, production, testing, and use have been communities of color around the world, including indigenous people and Pacific Islanders.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim August 9, 2017 to be

Nagasaki Day for Nuclear Weapons Abolition

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this day by working to support global nuclear weapons abolition.

