

1 [Marking the 70th Year Since the Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki]

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3 **Resolution marking the 70th year since the use of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and**
4 **Nagasaki.**

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6 WHEREAS, 70 years ago, close to the end of World War II, the United States dropped
7 two atomic bombs on Japan; and

8 WHEREAS, The first bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, at
9 8:15 a.m., and the second was dropped on the city of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945, at 11:01
10 a.m.; and

11 WHEREAS, The bombs caused great fires that raged in Hiroshima and Nagasaki for
12 days, and released nuclear radiation whose impact has lasted all of these decades; and

13 WHEREAS, At least 200,000 people including foreign residents, Allied POWs,
14 conscripted Korean and Chinese workers immediately lost their lives from the thermal
15 radiation, blast winds, the fires, falling debris and from the destruction of 70% of the cities'
16 buildings; and

17 WHEREAS, By 1979, there were officially 226,598 *hibakusha* or survivors of the two
18 atomic bombs; most of whom were still struggling with radiation-related illnesses and limited
19 recognition of their plight from their own government, the U.S. occupation forces and the
20 international community; and

21 WHEREAS, By 1980, approximately 80,000 *hibakusha* had died from radiation-related
22 illnesses; and

23 WHEREAS, The bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki remain the only nuclear
24 weapons used in warfare in world history; and

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1 WHEREAS, Though seven decades have passed since the *Enola Gay* and *Bockscar*
2 planes opened their bomb bays on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, humanity continues to struggle
3 with recognizing the human toll and overall legacy of these bombings; and

4 WHEREAS, With these bombings and the ensuing proliferation of nuclear weapons,
5 humanity comes face to face with the understanding that we have the technological capability
6 and intellectual capacity to cause our own annihilation; and

7 WHEREAS, The bombings and the proliferation of thousands of nuclear weapons
8 around the world remind us that human civilization plods along in a constant precarious state,
9 and that we have unfinished business in cooperating towards lasting peace; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors marks the 70th year since
12 the use of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and recognizes August 6th and
13 August 9th as days of solemnity to reflect on the decades of suffering inflicted by the atom
14 bomb, and to reflect on how nuclear weapons can be abolished, to be never used again.