

1 [Declaring Support for United States House of Representatives Bill 669 - Restricting First Use
2 of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017]

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

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7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are over 15,000 nuclear weapons globally; and

8 WHEREAS, Most possessed by the United States and Russia are significantly more
9 destructive than those used to kill hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and
10 Nagasaki; and

11 WHEREAS, A single nuclear detonation in San Francisco would cause upwards of
12 700,000 fatalities and upwards of 1,000,000 injuries; and

13 WHEREAS, Use and detonation of even a small number of nuclear weapons would
14 have catastrophic human, environmental and economic consequences globally – impacting
15 everyone on the planet; and

16 WHEREAS, Nuclear weapons testing and uranium extraction has caused irreparable
17 harm to indigenous communities and the natural environment, from Bikini Atoll to the Nevada
18 Test Site; and

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s proximity to key communication and information
20 technology infrastructure make it a top target for a nuclear strike; and

21 WHEREAS, All of humanity and every individual has the right to live a life free from the
22 threat of nuclear violence; and

23 WHERAS, Nuclear weapons fail to address 21st century national security concerns
24 such as climate change, cyberattacks and terrorism while draining precious resources from
25 programs that make us safer and more secure; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco supports the Restricting First Use of
25 Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017 (H.R. 669) which would prevent the President from unilaterally

1 launching a nuclear first strike without a Congressional declaration of war authorization; and,
2 be it

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

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

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the
11 Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution to United States Senators Dianne
12 Feinstein and Kamala Harris, United States Congresswomen Jackie Speier and Nancy Pelosi.

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