



MAYORS FOR PEACE ACTION TOOL KIT

Mayors for Peace, an international organization, founded in 1982 and led by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is working for a world without nuclear weapons and safe and resilient cities as essential measures for the realization of lasting world peace. Mayors for Peace has grown to 7,744 cities in 163 countries and regions, with 215 U.S. members, representing in total over one billion people. Mayors for Peace aims to reach 10,000 member cities by 2020, the 75th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. [*Is your mayor a member?*](#)

Learn more. [Click here to watch the new Mayors for Peace promotional video](#) (10 minutes).

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) unanimously adopted a bold and comprehensive new Mayors for Peace resolution *Calling on the Administration and Congress to Step Back from the Brink and Exercise Global Leadership in Preventing Nuclear War* on June 11, 2018 at its annual meeting Boston. [Click here to read the resolution.](#)

The USCM, the nonpartisan association of 1,408 American cities with populations over 30,000, has unanimously adopted Mayors for Peace resolutions for 13 consecutive years. Resolutions adopted at annual meetings become USCM official policy.

As Mayor Frank Cownie of Des Moines, Iowa has said, *“If you don’t think nuclear weapons are a local issue, ask the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki”*. Mayors are well placed to understand the dangers of nuclear war as well as the impacts of grotesquely bloated military spending on human needs and on the public services we all depend on. This powerful statement calling for new priorities provides us with a wonderful opportunity to get that message heard!

- **Help Mayors for Peace reach its goal of 10,000 member cities by 2020!** [Click here to find out if your mayor is a member of Mayors for Peace.](#) If s/he is not a member, please invite her/him to join. [Click here for information on how to join.](#)
- **Watch and share widely the new Mayors for Peace video, [“Join us at Mayors for Peace”](#).**
- Ask your City Council to adopt a resolution endorsing the US Conference of Mayors resolution *Calling on the Administration and Congress to Step Back from the Brink and Exercise Global Leadership in Preventing Nuclear War*. [Click here to see an example adopted by the Los Angeles City Council.](#) [Click here to see the resolution adopted by Washington, DC City Council.](#)
- Ask your Mayor to issue a Proclamation endorsing the USCM resolution. [Click here to see an example issued by the Mayor of East Palo Alto, CA.](#)
- Take copies of the USCM resolution to meetings with members of Congress or their staff; include it in correspondence with members of Congress and State legislators.
- Refer to and quote from the USCM resolution in articles, op-eds and letters to the editor.

- Want to do something more ambitious? Ask your Mayor to host the Mayors for Peace *50 Cities 50 Traces: Against traceless oblivion* international peace and art exhibit. The project is sponsored by the German section of Mayors for Peace. The exhibit is touring from 2018 – 2020. [The first U.S. exhibit opened in Pittsburgh, PA on September 21, 2018](#), the International Day for Peace. The project is seeking additional U.S. cities to host the exhibit in 2020. [Click here for more information](#).
- Explore the [Mayors for Peace website](#) for more ideas. Check out especially, the [monthly News Flash](#) and [Member Cities' Activities](#).

Things Mayors can do (some ideas):

Public education

- Issue a Proclamation on the Hiroshima-Nagasaki anniversary
- Host a poster exhibit in City Hall (available from the Hiroshima Mayors for Peace Secretariat)
- Place relevant books in the public libraries
- [Plant a seedling from an A-bombed tree at a public location](#)
- Host a Town Hall meeting
- Host a film showing or film series
- Publish an op-ed in a local newspaper
- Sign and promote the Mayors for Peace petition, [Calling for all states to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible](#). ([PDF download version](#).)

Work with the City Council

- Pass a resolution in support of the USCM resolution
- Hold a city budget hearing on local impacts of nuclear weapons and military spending
- Divest city funds from nuclear weapons makers

Lobby the federal government

- Join with other Mayors for Peace members to lobby Congress using the USCM resolution
- [Recruit Congressional Representatives and Senators to join Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament \(PNND\)](#)

Mayors for Peace

- *Contact US Mayors for Peace Lead Mayor Frank Cownie of Des Moines, Iowa and let him know you're interested in getting active*
- Put a Mayors for Peace logo on the City or Mayor's website
- Sponsor the June 2019 USCM resolution
- Recruit more members for Mayors for Peace
- Organize a regional Mayors for Peace meeting

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