

TOWN OF AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT ARTICLE PETITION FORM*

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the town of Amherst shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to U.S. Congressman James McGovern, U.S. Senator Elizabeth A. Warren, U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey, and President Donald Trump.

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The undersigned registered voters of the Town of Amherst submit the following article and request that it be placed on the Warrant for the Special/Annual Town Meeting of April 30, 2018.

(Article wording must appear, in its entirety, on every petition form submitted to Select Board)

A RESOLUTION

Calling for the United States to "Pull Back from the Brink" and Prevent Nuclear War

- WHEREAS, Since the height of the Cold War the United States and Russia have dismantled more than 50,000 nuclear warheads, but 15,000 of these weapons still exist and pose an intolerable risk to human survival; and
- WHEREAS, 95 percent of these weapons are in the hands of the United States and Russia and the rest are held by seven other countries: China, France, Israel, India, North Korea, Pakistan, and the United Kingdom; and
- WHEREAS, the use of even a tiny fraction of these weapons would cause worldwide climate disruption and global famine; to wit, as few as 100 Hiroshima sized bombs, small by modern standards, would put at least 5 million tons of soot into the upper atmosphere and cause climate disruption across the planet, cutting food production and putting 2 billion people at risk of starvation; and
- WHEREAS, a large scale nuclear war would kill hundreds of millions of people directly and cause unimaginable environmental damage and catastrophic climate disruption dropping temperatures across the planet to levels not seen since the last ice age; under these conditions the vast majority of the human race would starve and it is possible we would become extinct as a species; and
- WHEREAS, despite assurances that these arsenals exist solely to guarantee that they are never used, there have been many occasions when nuclear armed states have prepared to use these weapons, and war has been averted only at the last minute; and
- WHEREAS, nuclear weapons do not possess some magical quality that prevents their use; and
- WHEREAS, former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara said, speaking about the Cuban Missile Crisis, "It was luck that prevented nuclear war," yet our nuclear policy cannot be the hope that luck will continue; and
- WHEREAS, as the effects of climate change place increased stress on communities around the world and intensify the likelihood of conflict, the danger of nuclear war will grow; and
- WHEREAS, the planned expenditure of more than \$1 trillion to enhance our nuclear arsenal will not only increase the risk of nuclear disaster but fuel a global arm race and divert crucial resources needed to assure the well-being of the American people and people all over the world; and
- WHEREAS, there is an alternative to this march to nuclear war: in July 2017, 122 nations called for the elimination of all nuclear weapons by adopting the Treaty of Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Meeting of Amherst Massachusetts calls upon our federal leaders and our nation to spearhead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;
- Ending the president's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack;
- Taking the US nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert;
- Cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
- Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals.

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*To be filed with the SELECT BOARD before NOON on February 26th 2018.

✓	SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered**	NOW REGISTERED AT street, number and apt. or room number MUST APPEAR	Residence on January 1, 20 Street, number and apt. or room number
1.	<i>Lynnda Faye</i>	<i>232 East Pleasant St.</i>	<i>232 East Pleasant Street</i>
2.	<i>Adrianne Demak</i>	<i>33 Gray St.</i>	<i>33 Gray St.</i>
3.	<i>Pinkerton</i>	<i>11 Gray St.</i>	<i>11 Gray St.</i>

Place additional signatures on back of this page
 **Any voter who is prevented by physical disability from writing may authorize some person to write his name and residence in his presence. (M.G.L. Chapter 53, §7)

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4.	<i>Bob [Signature]</i>	33 GRAY ST.	33 GRAY ST.
5.	<i>Yetta Meish</i>	23 Greenleaves #116	23 Greenleaves #116
6.	<i>Rosemary Linn</i>	26 Greenleaves Dr. 615	26 Greenleaves Dr. 615
7.	<i>Judith Moran</i>	238 E Pleasant	238 East Pleasant St.
8.	<i>Donna McColgan</i>	232 E Pleasant	232 East Pleasant St
9.	<i>Joel Harris Attorney</i>	55 Cottage St.	55 Cottage St.
10.	<i>J.A.</i>	55 Cottage St.	55 Cottage St.
11.	<i>Key S. [Signature]</i>	226 E. Pleasant St.	226 E. Pleasant St.
12.	<i>Arthur Conway</i>	226 E. PLEASANT ST.	226 E. PLEASANT ST.
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Amherst _____ 20__

We certify that _____ of the above signatures checked are names of qualified voters in the Town of Amherst.

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Amherst Registrars of Voters