

Sample Motion to City Councils  
Requesting Endorsement  
of the Provincial Petition

This is a draft of a proposed motion which can be presented to City Councillors before the date you appear in Council to create discussion and support of the petition. The motion must be moved and seconded by Councillors. Try to get commitment to move and second the motion from two Councillors before the meeting. This is only a sample. Please see Step 5 of the Instruction Sheet for further details.

**SAMPLE**

*Motion to \_\_\_\_\_ City Council*  
*Requesting Endorsement of the Provincial Petition*

*WHEREAS* A clear majority of the people of British Columbia have demonstrated their deep concern about the continuing buildup of nuclear weapons, and their desire for a nuclear weapons free environment by establishing municipal nuclear weapons free zones; and

*WHEREAS* 45 Municipalities in British Columbia are now declared nuclear weapons free zones (see attached list); and

<sup>1</sup>*WHEREAS* The Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ declared itself a nuclear weapons free zone in 19\_\_\_\_; and

<sup>1</sup>*WHEREAS* 1986 is the International Year of Peace; and

*WHEREAS* The United Nations in 1978 stated in its report from the Special Session on Disarmament that "the process of establishing (nuclear weapons free) zones should be encouraged with the ultimate objective of achieving a world free of nuclear weapons";

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* That the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ now request of the Provincial Government that the Province of British Columbia be declared a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone; and forthwith signs the petition to this effect.

**SAMPLE**

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<sup>1</sup>Please use these paragraphs only if appropriate.

Petition for the Declaration of British Columbia  
as a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone

To Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, Municipalities of the Province of British Columbia, states that:

*WHEREAS* The nuclear arms race threatens the lives of the people of this municipality, the Province of British Columbia, and of every person on Earth; and

*WHEREAS* The people of British Columbia have expressed their deep concern about the continuing buildup of nuclear weapons by establishing nuclear weapons free zones in 45 municipalities, representing over half the population of British Columbia; and

*WHEREAS* The United Nations has stated that "the process of establishing (nuclear weapons free) zones should be encouraged with the ultimate objective of achieving a world free of nuclear weapons"; and

*WHEREAS* The British Columbia Legislative Assembly, in 1984, unanimously approved a motion introduced by the Government saying:

"This assembly, recognizing the horrors of nuclear war and holocaust, urges all world governments to increase their efforts to end the nuclear arms race and to reduce and finally eliminate all nuclear weaponry."

*THEREFORE* Your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House declare British Columbia a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone.

Signatory on behalf of the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 198 .