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2.1 WHEREAS, a policy renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons would severely constrain  
2.2 the ability of the president to order a nuclear attack, allowing only attacks in response to a nuclear  
2.3 attack; and

2.4 WHEREAS, Americans and all people on the planet should have the right to live a life free  
2.5 from the threat of nuclear weapons use; and

2.6 WHEREAS, the United States should take urgent steps to change its policies as well as  
2.7 actively pursue verifiable agreements with other nuclear-armed nations to reduce the number of  
2.8 nuclear weapons and eliminate the weapons from the planet; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.9 BE IT RESOLVED that as an important first step the Legislature calls on the president to  
2.10 make it the policy of the United States that it will not start a nuclear war and will therefore not use  
2.11 nuclear weapons first, and calls on the Congress to pass legislation supporting this policy;

2.12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature calls on Congress to not fund the  
2.13 development and production of additional United States nuclear weapons that can produce a relatively  
2.14 small nuclear explosion, making them suitable for rogue nuclear war-fighting and potentially  
2.15 lowering the threshold for using nuclear weapons first;

2.16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed  
2.17 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the  
2.18 President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United  
2.19 States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, the chair  
2.20 of the House Committee on Armed Services, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in  
2.21 Congress.