



**A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE CITY OF YPSILANTI'S COMMITMENT
TO PEACE, JOIN MAYORS FOR PEACE, AND OPPOSE THE LOS
ALAMOS-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DATA CENTER**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Mayors for Peace initiative, established in 1982 and led by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, works toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons and lasting world peace through a network of over 8,300 cities across 167 countries and regions; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks 80 years since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, demonstrating the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and creating an enduring moral imperative for their elimination; and

WHEREAS, the dangers posed by nuclear weapons are not abstract, but represent an existential threat to all humanity, and cities have a moral responsibility to speak for the safety and security of their residents in the face of such threats; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has a demonstrated commitment to peace, justice, and environmental sustainability, and seeks to join other Michigan members of Mayors for Peace, including Detroit (2000), Hamtramck (2003), Ann Arbor (2011), Benton Harbor (2016), Grand Rapids (2017), and Portage (2023); and

WHEREAS, the proposed National Security Data Center in Ypsilanti Township represents a partnership between the University of Michigan and Los Alamos National Laboratory—the United States' primary nuclear weapons design facility—thereby implicating our community in nuclear weapons development; and

WHEREAS, reporting from Inside Climate News and The Guardian has documented that data centers of this scale pose significant environmental threats, including excessive water consumption and potential PFAS "forever chemical" contamination that could endanger local water resources and public health; and

WHEREAS, questions remain regarding the University of Michigan's precise role in nuclear weapons research through this project, as the institution has not fully clarified the nature of its involvement beyond denying weapons "manufacturing," according to reporting in The Michigan Daily; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Section 1. Commitment to Peace. The City of Ypsilanti affirms its commitment to nuclear disarmament and international peace.

Section 2. Membership in Mayors for Peace. The City of Ypsilanti officially applies to join Mayors for Peace and directs the City Clerk to submit the required registration to the initiative's Secretariat.

Section 3. Opposition to the Data Center. The Ypsilanti City Council strongly opposes the Los Alamos-University of Michigan data center due to its connections to nuclear weapons