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## **Ishigaki Nuclear-Free Peace City Declaration**

A common desire of people around the world is to expel and abolish nuclear weapons, which threaten the survival of mankind, from the face of the earth and establish lasting peace.

However, the arms race, including nuclear and conventional arms, and local conflicts continue, and a tougher and more alarming world situation lies ahead.

Such a world situation resulted from the fact that the tragedy of the Pacific War we once experienced has been forgotten, a fact that is almost a serious act of violence to humanity and that should not be overlooked in light of the spirit of the Constitution of Japan, the basic principle of which lies in international cooperation and peace, and the purposes of local governments.

Therefore, Ishigaki City, which aims to become a peaceful, affluent cultural city blessed with rich nature, calls for the full implementation of the three non-nuclear principles based on the noble principles of the Japanese constitution; therefore, we appeal, together with people in the world who love peace, for the abolition of all nuclear weapons and hereby declare that Ishigaki City will make an eternal effort toward the realization of a nuclear-free peace city.

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## **Ishigaki Peace City Declaration calling for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons**

We, the citizens of Ishigaki, have learned the horror, misery, and cruelty of the atomic bombing through Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II.

Moreover, we will always remember that hundreds of thousands of precious lives were lost in the Battle of Okinawa and due to the malaria in the Yaeyama War.

We, the citizens of Ishigaki, pray that all wars and terrorism will disappear from the Earth, and we long for the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of lasting world peace.

We also aspire to see a global ban on nuclear tests that may lead to the development of nuclear weapons, the greatest threat to mankind, and strive to realize a society independent of nuclear energy.

We, the citizens of Ishigaki, strongly appeal for the abolition of nuclear weapons to ensure that children and future generations can live in their hometowns feeling safe. Ishigaki City aims to become the world's happiest city and hereby declares it to be a "Peace City calling for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons."

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