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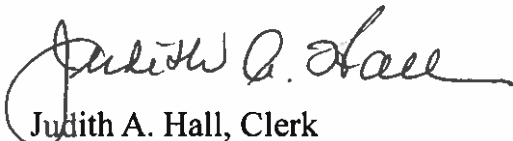
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Aloha Friends,

The Honolulu Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) at its Meeting for Business of this date approved the attached statement regarding nuclear weapons and the visit to Hawai'i of the peace boat the *Golden Rule*, and asked that a copy be sent to you.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith A. Hall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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Statement of Honolulu Friends
Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends (the Quakers)

We are aware of the responsibility our nation holds as the only country to use nuclear weapons in war;

We are aware of the responsibility our State holds as a key point in the chain of command involved with the planning and implementation of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the planning and implementation of atmospheric atomic- and nuclear-bomb testing through the early 1960s;

We support the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), the 2017 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, "for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons;"

We support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which came out of the efforts of ICAN and many people and countries, and which was initially passed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017;

We are mindful of the historic voyage of the *Golden Rule* sailing boat in 1958, crewed by Quakers as a testimony of peace, that sailed from Honolulu towards the nuclear test-bomb site in the Marshall Islands in an effort to stop the testing. Although never making it to the Marshalls, the action by the boat and crew was an inspiration for other peace boats and supporters, and helped sway public opinion which led to the 1963 Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water;

We are grateful to the Veterans for Peace and their supporters for restoring the *Golden Rule* and embarking on their "Peace in the Pacific" voyage to encourage adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and to support efforts to stop the possibility of nuclear war;

We welcome the *Golden Rule* on its arrival in Hilo on July 31, 2019, and look forward to its continued voyage with stops throughout the Hawaiian Islands, followed by visits to the Marshall Islands, Guam, Okinawa, and Hiroshima;

We call for the State and Counties to continue their efforts of support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and,

We again express our regret that the United States did not participate in the negotiations or vote on the treaty; and we urge our government to review its position and consider joining the discussion and approval of the treaty.