PROCLAMATION

Hiroshima Memorial Day – August 6th, 2017
Nagasaki Memorial Day – August 9th, 2017

WHEREAS on August 6th and 9th, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki respectively, were destroyed by atomic bombs; and

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of civilians died in these attacks and many more thousands have suffered and are suffering from the burns and diseases resulting from these bombs; and

WHEREAS today’s nuclear arsenals are equal in their destructive power to more than one million Hiroshimas; and

WHEREAS the peoples of the world will not be secure until the arms race is halted and threat of nuclear war eliminated;

NOW THEREFORE I, Nils Jensen, Mayor of the District of Oak Bay, do hereby proclaim August 6th, 2017 as Hiroshima Memorial Day and August 9th, 2017 as Nagasaki Memorial Day in Oak Bay, a day to remember the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, and to renew our commitment to ensuring freedom from the threat posed by nuclear weapons, here and everywhere.

Nils Jensen, Mayor
District of Oak Bay