

April 10, 2023

Dear Honorable Members of the Bristol Town Council:

Chairman Nathan Calouro, Vice-Chairwoman Mary Parella and Councilors Antonio "Tony" Teixeira, Timothy Sweeney and Aaron Ley,

We are excited to present to you a proclamation for your consideration. The Town of Bristol has an opportunity to extend a formal welcome to The Golden Rule sailboat during its visit to Rhode Island. <https://vfpgoldenruleproject.org/>

The 34- foot ketch is a national project of Veterans for Peace and is currently making its way along the Eastern Seaboard, spreading a message for a nuclear-free world and a peaceful, sustainable future for all. The Golden Rule will be docked in Providence June 11 – 13, 2023 and during that time will make a day visit to Bristol. People will have an opportunity to visit the sailboat and hear from the crew. Other events/programs to honor them and their mission, are in the planning stage. We hope that you will re-affirm Bristol's commitment to peace and decide to issue a formal welcome from the Town of Bristol to the Golden Rule.

Thank you!

Sincerely Yours,



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**TOWN OF BRISTOL PROCLAMATION
WELCOMING THE GOLDEN RULE SAILBOAT TO BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND IN SUPPORT OF
A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD:**

WHEREAS, the dangers of nuclear war have been known to the world since August 6, 1945, with the destruction of Hiroshima; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Bristol has a record of advocating for peace to a troubled world; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule, the first peace vessel, has been an icon and a symbol of peace since its first voyage in 1958; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule did not complete its first anti-nuclear weapons voyage to protest nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands, but generated immense international support and sympathy and formed an integral part of peace witnessing that eventually led to the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule was salvaged by a group of Veterans for Peace and Quakers in Humboldt Bay and relaunched in June of 2015 and has sailed to multiple ports providing educational presentations sending the message that there is no room for nuclear weapons in the home of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the peace making roots of **the Golden Rule** include a belief that each individual, regardless of color, race, creed or nationality is sacred, and that nuclear weapons are a grave threat to all individuals, groups and nations, and this threat of total destruction is a violation of the ancient concept of the oneness of humanity; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution H 6173 Welcoming **The Golden Rule** sailboat to Rhode Island in Support of a Nuclear-Free World was passed by the Rhode Island House on March 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule is scheduled to visit Narragansett Bay including a day sail to Bristol in the month of June, from June 11 to June 13

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Honorable Town Council and the Honorable Town Administrator of the Town of Bristol, State of Rhode Island, by virtue of the authority vested in them by the citizens of Bristol, on their behalf, extend to **The Golden Rule** sailboat and its organizers, supporters and volunteers, their collective best wishes in earnest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Council and Administrator, in consideration of all of the above, do hereby proclaim an enthusiastic welcome to **The Golden Rule** sailboat in support of a nuclear-free world on behalf of all of the citizens of the Town, and be it further resolved that a certified copy be transmitted to Ms Helen Jaccard, Golden Rule Project Manager.