WHEREAS, on August 6th and 9th, 1945 atomic bombs dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killed hundreds of thousands of civilians, and caused the continuing suffering of many thousands more due to burns and related diseases; and

WHEREAS, August 6th and 9th, 2021 mark the 76th anniversary of the first use of atomic warfare; and

WHEREAS, nuclear weapons are the most inhumane and indiscriminate weapons ever created; and

WHEREAS, today’s nuclear arsenals contain weapons that are 1,000 times more powerful than the ones that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and

WHEREAS, humanity will not be secure until the nuclear arms race is halted and nuclear weapons are prohibited and abolished;

THEREFORE, I, Jim Watson, Mayor of the City of Ottawa, do hereby proclaim August 6th, 2021 Hiroshima Day and August 9th, 2021 Nagasaki Day in Ottawa.

Jim Watson
Mayor / Maire