PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Saouma, a Professor of civil and structural engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and internationally-acclaimed expert is serving as C-10’s expert witness in the case regarding Seabrook’s concrete. One of the world’s leading experts on alkali-silica reaction (ASR), Saouma has studied its effects on nuclear reactors, in particular how the containment structure could be weakened should an earthquake occur; and

WHEREAS, The City of Newburyport wishes to acknowledge Dr. Victor Saouma for his work in calling for more rigorous monitoring and analysis of the degraded concrete at the Seabrook Station nuclear power plant, located approximately seven miles from the City’s center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Saouma has spent countless pro bono hours representing the C-10 Research and Education Foundation in the group’s legal challenge to Seabrook’s concrete aging management protocols, in a case before the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; and

WHEREAS, Newburyport’s City officials recognizes the critical service Dr. Saouma gave to our community with his participation in a week-long hearing at Newburyport City Hall in September 2019.

THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the City of Newburyport hereby extends its deepest gratitude to Dr. Victor Saouma for his efforts on protecting public health and the natural environment in Newburyport and beyond.

Given under my hand and seal this twentieth day of December in the Year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

Donna D. Holaday, Mayor