

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN NATION OF UKRAINE AND THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE LOCAL UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN POPULATION; URGING A PROMPT END TO THE CONFLICT, A FULL WITHDRAWAL OF RUSSIAN FORCES, AND FINANCIAL REPARATIONS BY RUSSIA TO REBUILD UKRAINE; URGING THE PROVISION OF SUPPLIES AND AID TO UKRAINE BY THE UNITED STATES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation (“Russia”) began an invasion of the independent, sovereign nation of Ukraine, the second largest country by area in Europe; and

WHEREAS, the Russian invasion is the largest conventional military attack on a sovereign state in Europe since World War II, and experts estimate that more than 100,000 Russian troops have been deployed to date in the invasion of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Russian air and land attacks have targeted cities and suburbs, both military and civilian infrastructure, and have destroyed hospitals, apartment buildings, and even theaters-turned-shelters clearly marked as protecting children; and

WHEREAS, while the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and other leaders of the country have courageously led their people in defending against the invasion, countless Ukrainians have been killed or injured, and millions more—primarily women and children—have become refugees, fleeing their homeland to escape the violence; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Russian bombardment and expanding siege of Ukraine, hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian residents are trapped in bombed cities, such as Mariupol, without electricity, water, or heat; and

WHEREAS, the Ukrainian government's attempts to establish and maintain evacuation corridors for civilians to escape have been hampered by shelling by Russian forces; and

WHEREAS, the local Ukrainian-American community has led South Florida in an outpouring of support for the people of Ukraine, including rallies against the Russian invasion, shipments of humanitarian goods and supplies, and fundraisers to support Ukrainian refugees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pompano Beach City Commission desires to adopt this Resolution as a public statement that the City of Pompano Beach stands with the people of Ukraine, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City of Pompano Beach City Commission supports the independence of the sovereign nation of Ukraine. The City Commission strongly condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the resulting loss of life for countless innocent civilians, the ongoing suffering of the Ukrainian people caused by Russia's unprovoked attack, and the destruction of critical infrastructure as well as historic and culturally significant buildings.

SECTION 2. The City Commission urges a prompt end to the invasion, a full withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukraine, and full reparations by Russia to rebuild what the Russian attacks have destroyed. Pending the cessation of violence, the City Commission calls for the establishment of, and respect for, evacuation corridors for those fleeing the violence and humanitarian corridors for the provision of critical supplies to those unable to flee.

SECTION 3. The City of Pompano Beach urges President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., his administration, and the members of Congress to timely authorize and deliver needed supplies and humanitarian aid to Ukraine, as well as the provision of advanced defensive systems to enable the Ukrainian people to protect and defend the sovereign nation of Ukraine.

SECTION 4. The City of Pompano Beach stands with the local Ukrainian-American community in their support for Ukraine, and urges all Pompano Beach businesses, organizations, residents, and visitors to join in supporting Ukraine and the Ukrainian people in their current crisis, including by contributing to established organizations providing needed humanitarian aid, encouraging members of the local Ukrainian-American community, and welcoming Ukrainian refugees.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

REX HARDIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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