

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2022

**RECOGNIZING** and expressing the support of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati to the nation of Ukraine in defense of its sovereignty and homeland, and **ENDORING** aggressive sanctions against the Russian government and military for their continued threats to the peace and political independence of the Ukrainian state.

WHEREAS, since September 11, 1989, the City of Cincinnati has enjoyed a special and unique relationship with the people of Ukraine as a sister city to Kharkiv, Ukraine's second most populous city and former capital; and

WHEREAS, the people of Ukraine have a right to self-government, independent of foreign action and influence, and free from threats of violence from neighboring political powers; and

WHEREAS, the people of Ukraine have elected a democratic government in free and fair elections, currently led by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Vladimir Putin, the Russian military has begun a violent invasion of Ukraine, leading to the loss of innocent life, the shelling of schools and residential neighborhoods, and the destruction of communities in many Ukrainian cities, including Kharkiv and the capital of Kyiv; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cincinnati stand for peace and against the aggressive invasion of Ukraine, and declare that a threat to the sovereign borders of Ukraine is a threat to all nations around the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati stands ready to accept refugees fleeing war and violence from Ukraine and any other place where communities are under attack; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati encourages all nations to stand in defense of the Ukrainian people and provide support necessary to ensure their ability to protect their homeland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati supports continued aggressive sanctions, initiated by President Joe Biden and our allies, against those who wield power and influence over the actions of the Russian government and military; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize and express their support to the nation of Ukraine in defense of its sovereignty and homeland and endorse aggressive sanctions against the Russian government and military for their continued threats to the peace and political independence of the Ukrainian state.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and copies be provided to the following:

Embassy of Ukraine  
3350 M Street NW  
Washington DC 20007

Senator Sherrod Brown  
425 Walnut Street, Suite 2310  
Cincinnati OH 45202

Senator Rob Portman  
312 Walnut Street, Suite 3425  
Cincinnati OH 45202

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval