

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE AND EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO PROTECT THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND FREEDOM AND URGING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HOLD RUSSIA AND RUSSIA'S PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN ACCOUNTABLE FOR BREACHING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND WAR CRIMES

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a “special military operation” in the Donbas region in eastern Ukraine and shortly after the announcement, Russia began attacking Ukraine on multiple fronts—including the capital Kyiv, western cities such as Lviv and the southern city of Kherson—from the land, air and sea; and

WHEREAS, Russian troops have been met with strong and courageous opposition from the Ukrainian military and citizen-resistance; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine has been at war with Russia since 2014, when Putin invaded the Crimea region of Ukraine and Putin refuses to acknowledge Ukraine as a sovereign nation; and

WHEREAS, Russia's aggression against Ukraine has been met with widespread international condemnation, including from United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, who asserted the Russian military offensive violates the UN Charter, and the European Union, which issued a statement strongly condemning the “unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by armed forces of the Russian Federation”, and called it a violation of international law; and

WHEREAS, the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom and others have announced significant economic sanctions on Russia and coordinated efforts to freeze Russian assets overseas and cripple Russia's major banking institutions; and

WHEREAS, to date, hundreds of civilians have been reported dead, air strikes have targeted major cities and residential areas in Ukraine and an estimated 660,000 refugees have fled to neighboring countries; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has consistently used its public platform to speak out in support of international peace and security and in opposition to unjustified military aggression by and between nations; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes all people, including the Ukrainian people, have a right to democracy and to live in peace and freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby condemns Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and expresses solidarity with the Ukrainian people in their struggle to protect their sovereignty and freedom.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission urges the international community to hold Russia and Russia’s president Vladimir Putin accountable for breaching international peace and for human rights abuses and war crimes.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH A.D., 2022.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY