

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, URGING CRUISE LINES AND AIRLINES TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE ALL TRAVEL TO RUSSIA DUE TO RUSSIA'S UNPROVOKED MILITARY ATTACK ON UKRAINE.

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

WHEREAS, Russian troops have been met with strong and courageous opposition from the Ukrainian military and citizen-resistance; 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, 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, in addition to existing sanctions, suspending all travel to Russia via cruise lines and airlines would significantly impact Russia's economy and travel and tourism industries; 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 urges cruise lines and airlines to cease all travel to Russia due to Russia’s unprovoked military attack against Ukraine.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and President Joe Biden.

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:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS

CITY ATTORNEY