

## PROCLAMATION

**A Proclamation** in Opposition to Russian Aggression and in Support of the Ukrainian People.

**WHEREAS** invading a neighboring country, killing its civilian population, and destroying the infrastructure and cultural richness of that country is never to be countenanced; and

**WHEREAS** from a start over a millennium ago from Kyiv, which was the first center of the Slavic "Rus" people, today's 40 million Ukrainian people have re-established their own independent nation in the 30 years since the dissolution of the former Soviet Union, governed by a peaceful and democratically elected government; and

**WHEREAS** the Russian Federation initiated unwarranted acts of aggression against Ukraine in 2014, by seizing the Crimean Peninsula and arming breakaway territories in the Donbas region; and

**WHEREAS** on February 24, 2022, the sovereign country of Ukraine was needlessly invaded by the Russian Federation under false pretexts; and

**WHEREAS** Russian forces have targeted civilians, committing crimes against humanity, to include bombing of a maternity ward and children's hospital in Mariupol, and mining and blocking of routes for fleeing refugees, demonstrating an utter lack of regard for human life and dignity; and

**WHEREAS** on this, the 20th day of the war ravaging their cities and towns, the Ukrainian people remain steadfast in their defense of their homeland, having earned the admiration of people around the world; and

**WHEREAS** Milwaukie is home to many Ukrainian families and congregations who have family in Ukraine or as refugees in Europe for whose lives and freedom they are deeply concerned.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Gamba, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do declare that the City of Milwaukie joins communities across the globe, in the U.S., and locally, to condemn the unprovoked attack on the sovereignty of Ukraine, and stands with the people of Ukraine and their right to self-determination, freedom, and democracy.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

  
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Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Scott Stauffer, City Recorder